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Fancy, then, how appetizing a walk of twelve miles must have been to a gentleman in rude health! But this is a tender memory, which should be kept in some secret hiding-place of the mind, nor exposed to the rude breath of a prosaic world.

Matlock, it may be stated, is noted for its medicinal waters, which are found about two miles northeast of the village, at Matlock Bath, a pretty place, peculiar in its aspect, and full of picturesque points. A local writer has thus sketched it:—"The huge bulk of Masson is hollowed out to receive within it a lovely village, rising terrace above terrace, and villa after villa, sheltered within little clumps of sycamores or fruit trees: the Heights of Abraham crowning the lovely picture. The swollen Derwent dashing over its rocky bed, hemmed in by the ever-verdant banks which enclose the Lovers' Walk—over which rise the umbrageous woods—while from among them the basaltic rocks rear their time-furrowed heads and ivied battlements in every varied and fantastic form. There stands the village church, as if guarding the sweet scene. Beyond, is the lawn of the Old Bath Hotel and its sparkling fountain."

Matlock is all that is thus described—and more. The Derwent flows on, sometimes with a rapid rush, through a narrow channel, with musical murmur as it dashes over the rocky fragments from the cliffs above, and then, when it widens, gently expands, until you see it, clear and unruffled, mirroring on its surface the trees, which luxuriantly overhang it. On one side of the ravine stands Matlock Bath, with the houses scattered on the side of the slope, here and there, in picturesque disarrangement. On the opposite side of the river, vast masses of naked rocks are contiguous to other eminences, scarcely less exalted—some covered with green turf, some crowned with clumps of leafy trees. The familiar

[illegible] to be independent of guides for [illegible] to observe and admire for ourselves.

[illegible] we walked from place to place (the quaint little ch[illegible] Giles, in Matlock village, standing on the very verge [illegible] rock, appearing to us worth all the regulation sh[illegible], and soon became friendly. Thus we leisurely vis[illegible] High Tor, with the Derwent winding at its base, wh[illegible], the rock towers in huge bulk, like a perpendic[illegible] vast, bare, and weather-beaten. We ascended the Ma[illegible] on the opposite side, the view from which, though [illegible] a cotton mill and a weir, is a favorite with the M[illegible] visitors. We sauntered on, by Cromford Bridge, o[illegible] Derwent, towards Willersley Castle, built by Arkwri[illegible] inventor of the spinning jenny, who reclaimed from [illegible] and rocky moorland the gardens which now are [illegible] of that part of the world. We ascended [illegible] Cat Tor, and thence, looking northward, had a v[illegible] as cannot be surpassed in England, perhaps, in its bl[illegible] of the grand and the familiar. We then scramb[illegible] to the Lovers' Walk, which margins the Derwent, [illegible] east. We entrusted ourselves to the boats which w[illegible] waiting to carry us across the river; and after all t[illegible] tering, returned to the hostelry, called the New [illegible] Hotel, at which, as it chanced, our little party were stay[illegible]

Thrown thus together, in this fortuitous manner, we ar[illegible] the very un-English resolution of being sociable (albeit, [illegible] "introduced" to each other), of enjoying co[illegible] and refreshment rooms; of forming, in fact, one p[illegible] for the time. None of us intended making a long stay—[illegible], by the way, that so few visitors do remain more th[illegible] days at Matlock. As birds of passage, therefore, we d[illegible] to enjoy ourselves while we could, and how we c[illegible], we afterwards heard, had been the good old cust[illegible]

[illegible] young, he had seen varieties of life in many coun[illegible] travelled much, and had been a close observer of man[illegible] things wherever he went. There was a heartiness in his [illegible] which was irresistible; indeed, it was chiefly at his sugge[illegible] that we agreed to make one party.

[illegible] was an author, who, having just seen his [illegible] of fiction through the press—in those days, novels [illegible] had a considerable sale—had come into the co[illegible] to unbend the bow. He was a gentleman of pleasing [illegible] much information, and with great personal knowle[illegible] of literary men. We found him very unaffected, and [illegible] quickly free from any thing like envy of his own competi[illegible] He recognised the artist: they met in the country like [illegible] though both confessed, laughingly, that, in Lo[illegible] had hitherto been little more than a mere bo[illegible] acquaintance. When there is occasion to name him, [illegible] pseudonyme must be known in these pages as Mr. Butler.

The fourth would never forgive me if I omitted to [illegible] introduce him:—otherwise (with the modest assurance [illegible] appeared so much a part of his nature, that no one e[illegible] thought of blaming him for sometimes exercising it) he c[illegible] certainly would have made a point of introducing himself. T[illegible] was an Irishman, with high, but not boisterous spirits, [illegible] good-nature in every word and look. He was "full of fu[illegible] joking on every thing, and exciting mirth with apparen[illegible] little effort. Mr. Moran was a strange compound of mi[illegible] and matter; he was a good scholar, but endeavoured to appe[illegible] as if he had never opened a book. He could converse w[illegible] with every man on the subject best known to the party wi[illegible] whom he was speaking. He knew nearly as much abo[illegible] pictures and painting, as the artist; his legends and sho[illegible] world narratives might have been profitably expanded by t[illegible] author; and the Major averred that he had the whole "Hi[illegible]

[illegible] to the eccentricities which are occasionally met w[illegible] various ranks of life, the Major stated that he believed [illegible] could remember a friend's adventures, which had terminat[illegible] very happily, owing to the eccentric notions of a well-kno[illegible] original in a neighbouring town. It required little persuasi[illegible] to tempt him to relate the anecdote, and accordingly, he tol[illegible] it to us, in manner such as I now endeavor to repeat it:—

[illegible] annually consumed—how many miles *per diem* [illegible] travelled—to how many families his calling gave [illegible] enough it is to say, that Sam Peach, engrossing the "[illegible] department" in and from Sheffield, was considered [illegible] wealthy personage—the rather, perhaps, because he [illegible] avoided the display of riches. He had purchased [illegible] in the neighborhood of Sheffield, extensive enough [illegible] an estate. He always spoke of it as "the farm," tho[illegible] the house he had erected there was of sufficiently impo[illegible] appearance and extent for the country seat of one of [illegible] hierarchy. With *that* "order," Sam Peach had no de[illegible] to be identified. Plain, and somewhat *brusque* in his m[illegible] he was proud of the business by which he had acquired [illegible] independence, and it is yet remembered as a fact, that, on [illegible] occasion, when a distinguished commoner in the neigh[illegible] (since become a peer and a Cabinet-minister), addr[illegible] as "Samuel Peach, *Esquire*," the recipient, though [illegible] the writing, returned the letter to the postman, with [illegible] comment, "not known at the Angel coach-office!"

[illegible]lth and integrity, backed by his eccentricity, had m[illegible] Peach a very popular character in Sheffield. Neve[illegible] any one care less for popularity. His rule of conduct [illegible] to pursue the right, whatever should betide. His very p[illegible] "leaned to mercy's side!" It was as much as [illegible] his coachmen's place was worth, for one of them to [illegible] foot-traveller on the road, and not immediately, "[illegible]," and invite the way-farer to a seat. The sterling [illegible] of the man was estimated from the fact, that most of [illegible] around him had been in his employment for up[illegible] twenty years.

[illegible] more than probable that Sam Peach had never [illegible] the name and system of Lavater, and yet he had a [illegible] likes and dislikes to people's faces, which inv[illegible]

[illegible] Simmonds of the Tenth," Sam Peach [illegible] in emphasis which made a sound not [illegible] pushed the fat-headed booking-clerk aside [illegible] with a countenance quite radiant with [illegible] his blandest tone, asked what name he should [illegible] the day-book.

"[illegible] Simmonds of the Tenth."

"Well!" said Sam, in the subdued manner of a man [illegible] a confidential conversation with himself. "Well, my [illegible] does not deceive me. What a singular thing this is, [illegible]" Then, addressing Mr. Simmonds, he said, "In [illegible], Sir?"

"Why, considering that I bear his Majesty's commission [illegible] I may safely say that I am."

"Seen service?"

"Yes; two years in the Peninsula, and in the last [illegible] the French at Waterloo."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Sam Peach. "Got a Waterloo [illegible]"

"Yes, and a Waterloo wound. Indeed, I have been [illegible] since my return, getting cured; and now that I am [illegible] legs again, I am off to town to report myself at the Horse Guards for duty. Our second battalion is to be disbanded [illegible] we are likely to have a long peace, I am afraid I shall have some difficulty in getting upon full pay in another [illegible]."

"Then," said Sam Peach, rather anxiously, "you are not [illegible] at the Horse Guards by any particular day?" Mr. Simmonds replied that he was not.

"[illegible] being the case, Sir," said Sam Peach, "it can't make any difference your not being able to travel by any [illegible] this afternoon?"

"[illegible] after paying for my seat!"

ball by occasional shrewd questions and racy remarks. At last—but this was about midway on the second bottle of that incomparable port, which tasted like nectar, and smelt like a bouquet—Sam Peach grew communicative about himself; told how he had risen to opulence by industry, from a small commencement; and boasted how, far above his wealth, he prized his only daughter. "You shall see her in the morning," said he; "for I did not like to introduce you until I saw whether my first impressions would be confirmed on closer acquaintance. It is not every one, I can tell you, that I would introduce as my friend to my daughter Mary."

A capital breakfast the next morning; and not the less pleasant because pretty Mary Peach presided at the board, assisted, on such social duties (as her mother had been dead for many years), by a maiden aunt, who was neither skinny nor shrewish.

"Pleasant weather," observed Sam. "Are you much of a sportsman?"

"Rather," said Mr. Simmonds. "We had plenty of practice at the red-legged partridges in the Peninsula. You should have seen how Lord Wellington peppered them, when he had nothing else to do!"

"Well," said Sam, "unfortunately, I had not the chance of seeing him. I think you said that you are not exactly tied to time as to your being in London; if you can only make up your mind not to start until to-morrow, there's a famous Joe Manton in the hall. I happen to own the preserve across yonder valley, and I can tell you that not a gun has been fired there this season."

Mr. Simmonds remained for that day?—To be sure he did. Fancy a young man of five-and-twenty, who had been on foreign service for three years, with a heart beating quick and strong within his bosom, and (at that time), not engaged

[illegible] this, under this expectation, he had made [illegible] Simmonds and his character; that he was [illegible] he had heard; and that if Mr. Simmonds [illegible] Mary's consent, no man upon earth would be [illegible] as a son-in-law.

[illegible] shortly after, Mr. Simmonds and Mary Peach were [illegible] being too good a daughter to decline giving an [illegible] son-in-law to her father. What fortune she had [illegible] exactly known; but they drove off from church [illegible] handsome chariot-and-four, which Sam Peach had pre[illegible] the happy couple, with a cheque for a thousand pou[illegible] pocket of the door, "to pay travelling-expenses;" and [illegible] bridegroom was about stepping into the vehicle, [illegible] the bride, all beauty, blonde, and bashfulness, Sam P[illegible] himself as follows:—

"[illegible] Simmonds, you never asked me what I saw in you, [illegible] first met, to take a fancy to you, and bring you [illegible] with me. Know, then, that in the five-and-thirty yea[illegible] have been at the head of the coaching in Sheffield, I [illegible] hundreds of military men in my office, to be booked, [illegible]—generals, colonels, majors, and a crowd of capta[illegible] —but you were the only Ensign that ever came across [illegible] the singularity of the thing, I thought that phenome[illegible] of a good dinner. Your own good qualities [illegible] the rest. Good bye now—God bless you!—and let [illegible] from you and Mary every day."

THE BUSH GUINEA.

[illegible] of the most famous and flourishing hotels in [illegible] Bristol had a fair share of trade and commerce [illegible] a great portion of the West India trade. [illegible] Inn, kept by a true-hearted, honest, downright [illegible] John Weeks. At the time of which I speak, [illegible] was not very wealthy, though he deserved to be [illegible] largely benefited by his charity, and it was discovered [illegible] after his death, for he was one of whom [illegible] truly be said that his right hand knew not what [illegible] did—that several decayed housekeepers were [illegible] to his benevolence for food, clothes, fuel and [illegible] the hard season of winter in particular, and [illegible] in general.

[illegible] the Bush Inn there was a mighty kitchen—it [illegible] I presume, if the house be kept up as an inn*—de[illegible] of which extended a mammoth table. It was the [illegible] Boniface, on every Christmas Day, to cover this [illegible] with a glorious load of roast beef and plum-pu[illegible] and, most plenteously, with double home-brewed, [illegible] strength and glorious flavour, that one might [illegible] called it malt-wine, rather than malt-liquor. A[illegible], on that day, every one who pleased was welco[illegible]

* [illegible] Bush Inn, at Bristol, was converted into chambers and offices, a [illegible]

which, at that time, was considered to be the accomplishment of very extraordinary speed. The landlord of the Bush, seeing how anxious the reduced gentleman was to read the London paper, made it be understood that while *he* had it "in hand," no one else was to expect it. Thus, without being pressed for time, the reduced gentleman was allowed to read his paper at his ease, which he did, apparently commencing with the title on the first page, and ending with the imprint on the last.

Garments in that state, which though not actually, "shabby" may be described as "seedy;" a beaver, which, most rusty and napless, was carefully brushed,—faded gloves,—spatterdashes of doubtful hue, covering shoes which appeared to have been made for a much larger man—plain buckles—a lean body—a confirmed stoop—and a limited expenditure of the single sixpence every day, without any gratuity to the waiter, so very clearly intimated this man's condition, that if a customer asked for the London paper, it was sufficient to say, "the decayed gentleman has it in hand."

On Christmas eve, honest John Weeks, anxious that "the decayed gentleman" should have one good meal, at least, in the Bush, addressed him as he was quitting the coffee-room, and delicately intimated that, on the following day, he kept open table, at which all who could not obtain good Christmas dinners at home, were very welcome to sit down, free of cost. The "decayed gentleman" looked at the inn-keeper with some surprise, and smiled—but he presently recovered himself, and retired without saying a word, simply bowing his acknowledgment. If there had been any doubt of his condition, it was at an end on the next day, when punctually at one o'clock, being the appointed hour, he appeared at the Bush, in his usual seedy attire. In virtue of his being a stranger there, and the appearance of having seen better days, he was honoured with a seat at the upper end of the long table, even

[illegible] "the decayed gentleman" was leaving [illegible] no witness of their interview [illegible] respectfully accosted him, and slipping [illegible] said, "My master requests, sir, that you [illegible] to accept this, and he is sorry that [illegible] cannot come to come through my hands." [illegible] in the palm of "the decayed gentleman." [illegible] the gold—he looked at the waiter—he looked [illegible] again. Morris thought, at first, that he intended [illegible] But "the decayed gentleman," quietly [illegible] waistcoat pocket, from which he drew a card, [illegible] to Morris, saying "my compliments to your [illegible] thanks. This is my name and address, and [illegible] come my way, or think that I can do him [illegible] I beg that he will call upon me, or write." [illegible] that, went away, and, from that day to this [illegible] seen in the coffee-room of the Bush. The name [illegible] the card was simply "THOMAS COUTTS, 59 Strand." [illegible] was the great London banker, and had [illegible] on some very particular business, and it was [illegible] to live there in an humble manner.

[illegible] short time John Weeks, to the surprise of the [illegible] purchased the Bush Inn, at a large price, from Ga[illegible], the owner. Next, he embarked largely in [illegible] and posting department, and throve abundantly [illegible], when a bargain was to be had of some [illegible] to the Corporation, the purchaser was [illegible] who let it off for building leases, by which [illegible] twelve to fifteen per cent. for his investment. [illegible] having acquired a competency, he withdrew [illegible] went to live on an estate which he

[illegible] Francis Burdett was at the height [illegible] popularity—how often, by the way, [illegible] the dust lying upon the breath of the [illegible] Charlotte, the grandmother of Queen Victoria, [illegible] with him, sent him a verbal message, by the [illegible] privy purse, that, as property would be insecure [illegible] opinions of Burdett, his son-in-law, [illegible] countenance in the country, she desired to withdraw [illegible] and gave him a fortnight's notice, to prevent [illegible] any way embarrassed by such a large deposit. "Considerate, indeed!" said Coutts. "Let us see what they amount to!" The books were referred to, and the deposit was found to amount to something [illegible] sterling. Coutts desired a cheque for [illegible] be filled up and brought to him. Affixing his [illegible] a very scrawling, indistinct autograph to it, he astounded official, with the words, "[illegible] for giving you the trouble of a second [illegible] fortnight. The house of Thomas Coutts [illegible] on demand. There is a cheque for the Q[illegible] on the bank of England, payable at sight." [illegible] royal messenger was again in presence [illegible] an apology from the Queen—an assurance [illegible] never distrusted the solvency of his bank, [illegible] her money, and a request that he would again [illegible] favour of becoming its custodee."

[illegible] tells so well," said Sir Julian T[illegible] not true, it deserves to be; as the Italian [illegible] *è vero, è ben trovato.* But it is entirely [illegible] probability of banking affairs that the Q[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] from entirely an [illegible] [illegible] the Forum Trajani [illegible] [illegible] Villa, inferior only to the [illegible] [illegible]; to copy the *entire* inscription [illegible] [illegible] embellish the beautiful Necropolis [illegible] [illegible]: to *feel* the "religio loci," while [illegible] [illegible] ear, to the sweet and solemn

"Stabat mater dolorosa,"

[illegible] more touching swell of the

"Dies iræ, dies illa,"

[illegible] from harmonious voices through [illegible] the Cathedral of St. John; or to regret [illegible] fall of the tall tower of Pitrat,† prevented my [illegible] advantage, the natural panorama of Lyons [illegible] country around it.

[illegible] all, these loiterings were merely episodal, [illegible] when I had discovered that the library [illegible] most in France, was especially rich in [illegible] upon what the elder D'Israeli names [illegible] "follies of science,"—alchemy, astrology, [illegible] are among the most graceful superstitions [illegible]

[illegible] was erected on an elevation to the north of the city, [illegible] all down in 1793. It has been re-erected, and rises to the [illegible] feet above the river. The view from this is unequalled of its [illegible] spread along the banks of the Saone and the Rhone [illegible] the peninsula between, and appears as the [illegible] of villages, which join its suburbs, and [illegible] manufactories, and chateaux. Many of the latter [illegible] delightfully situated on the southern and western [illegible] the plain. Far beyond, and towering above the north-[illegible] that the eastern range of the Alps are visible, and, [illegible] of a hundred miles, Mont Blanc may be seen, [illegible] and the verge of the horizon.

[illegible] I had many [illegible] which yet continue; but [illegible] your Hervier, with abilities and [illegible] but in a petty situation [illegible]

[illegible] years passed, and I went to winter [illegible] recommend none to take unless they [illegible] temperature. Shortly after my [illegible] acquaintance, the sub-librarian [illegible] changed. He had reached the [illegible] of the *mode*, which none but a [illegible] do. His manner, too, now had [illegible] of one who has not only an account [illegible] considerable balance on the [illegible] while discussing some [illegible] with all the sober deliberation that [illegible] Hervier's country house, without [illegible] the secret of this change was [illegible] following words.

[illegible] perceive, my dear friend, that you [illegible] these comforts about me; how I [illegible] of a *millionaire*. In truth, it is [illegible] wondering at. My fortune was [illegible] myself—in a word, as fortunes [illegible] in romances or on the stage.

[illegible] you knew me, two years ago, I [illegible]

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[illegible] Louis Marmillon [illegible] make a splendid fortune [illegible] and hundreds of negroes, to [illegible] of Lyons. The whole must be worth [illegible] at least. Give me your hand, my [illegible] joy of your change of fortune. And now, [illegible] drink your health.'

'[illegible],' said Louis Boyer: 'and pray, now [illegible] top of the ladder, that he will not forget [illegible] his friends in misfortune!'

'Depend on me!' was my laughing reply. Then [illegible] the jest, we solemnly drank to the memory of [illegible], and gaily to the health of his heir: in [illegible] we had a very pleasant evening.

[illegible] Berget, I should tell you, was connected [illegible] writer, with the *Gazette de Lyon*, then the [illegible] of the place. Passing the editorial bureau, on [illegible] the extemporized a brief announcement of Je[illegible] death, and the disposition of his 'immense [illegible] fortune,' which, without any challenge as to [illegible] was duly marked for insertion in the next [illegible]. Of course, this was wholly without any [illegible]

[illegible] was making my toilet next morning, when [illegible] was dashed in, and half a score of my yo[illegible] rushed to me.

'We wish you joy, Hervieu!' they all cried [illegible]

'[illegible] my dear friends!'

'[illegible] you should become heir to such a [illegible] I assure you———'

'[illegible] the time, too, when colonial pro[illegible]'

[illegible]

[illegible] Nothing, [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] 'Two [illegible]

[illegible] for your money?'

[illegible]y,' said the broadcloth [illegible]

[illegible] for a smile, 'surely, monsieur [illegible]

[illegible] such a trifle. You will permit [illegible]

[illegible] morning?'

[illegible] moment, I had forgotten that there [illegible]

[illegible] Martinique! Quite mechanically, I [illegible]

[illegible] me, scarcely heeding what he said. [illegible]

[illegible] that he could not have had more [illegible]

[illegible] that evening, I thought it right to put [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] assure you, Monsieur Passy, I have received [illegible]

[illegible] Monsieur is too considerate. I beg he will [illegible]

[illegible] But,' he continued, 'monsieur can do [illegible]

[illegible] You know my house; it is a fine building [illegible]

[illegible] I want ready money. *You* are very [illegible]

[illegible] francs are nothing to monsieur. [illegible]

[illegible]perty to invest your great capital in. I [illegible]

[illegible] for want of some ready money. M. [illegible]

[illegible]ed to buy it, but is so long making up [illegible]

[illegible] be ruined before he decides.'

[illegible] why should *I* buy your house?'

[illegible] because monsieur may not only serve me [illegible]

[illegible] get an excellent investment for himself [illegible]

[illegible] and improving thoroughfare, and will be [illegible]

[illegible]y in a few years. Thank you, monsieur.'

[illegible] hurried off before I could say a word [illegible]

[illegible], far and near, that I had bought his house [illegible]

[illegible] an hour after he quitted me, M. B[illegible]

[illegible] and miserly, and fond of investing [illegible]

[illegible] did me the honour to call. He [illegible]

[illegible] Mallignac, [illegible] manuscript, in his own hand, [illegible] magnificent good fortune, and [illegible] of his personal desire to be of service [illegible] Martinique romance had taken wing [illegible] thousand piastres! The amount of the [illegible] should I have thought had I known the [illegible] the sum invested as I believed, it [illegible] on my investment! I wrote to my [illegible] me a greater interest in the loan than I [illegible] a prompt reply, stating that they had [illegible] sold out half my investment, at a prem[illegible] and sixty thousand francs!—taken the [illegible] thirty shares of the new joint-stock bank [illegible] certain to head the money market before [illegible] would insist on making investments for [illegible] profitable opportunities warranted speculation [illegible] and begged to add that, fully aw[illegible] of an immediate settlement of a great [illegible] they had opened a credit to my account [illegible] which I might use as I pleased.

This was all very puzzling. An apparent gain of [illegible] thousand francs! Profits, and inve[illegible] I could make nothing of it, except [illegible] and Company of Paris had lost their [illegible] In the mean time, I was the lion of Lyons; [illegible] a proof positive of my heirship. I was [illegible] condolence and congratulation. The [illegible] of my cousin Jacques and mem[illegible] and hitherto unknown relati[illegible]

[illegible] piastre is worth about eighty-six cents;—the [illegible]

[illegible] Five per Cents: the [illegible] hundred thousand francs [illegible] thousand Dutch, a hundred [illegible] of Spanish—total, over [illegible] forty thousand francs [illegible]

[illegible] and when can this be invested?'

'Whenever Monsieur pleases. Will he [illegible] the negotiation?'

'Assuredly, M. Mignon. You have proved [illegible] my fullest confidence.'

[illegible] banker bowed his thanks for the com[illegible] commission. Placing a checkbook before me, [illegible] drew any sum for present demands [illegible] that happy moment did I actually [illegible] the good fortune which had literally been [illegible] accepted M. Mignon's pressing invitation to [illegible] while I remained in Paris. [illegible] invested, reserving M. Bonnet's bills of [illegible] for current use, I found my principal in [illegible] yielding me over forty thousand francs a [illegible] to hire a *château* near Lyons, and, [illegible] bankers, proceeded to take possession [illegible] return from Paris was immediately known [illegible] Boyer and Berget—who had seen [illegible] full credence their Martinique romance [illegible] not what to think when they heard [illegible]

[illegible] show M. Hervier's capital to be about [illegible] A very pretty fortune in France.

[illegible] became rich, she might [illegible] no more of M. Hervieu, [illegible] when she heard, as [illegible] rich, she recovered her [illegible] Jean with us again—when he [illegible] to come back and visit us as he used [illegible] Ladbald have called on you to-day, if [illegible] She bade me tell you that, [illegible] will believe that Jean Hervieu, [illegible] since they were children together, could [illegible] honour.'

[illegible] did not regret the aspersions upon my character [illegible] the cause of shewing me that I had [illegible] at least. One of the uses of adversity [illegible] regard. It was due to M. Felix, that [illegible] him, as to the real state of the question, [illegible] surprised, as he well might be. 'Louise [illegible]?' said he, 'for she insisted that you were [illegible] hope that Monsieur Hervieu will not forget [illegible] rich, after all.'

'My dear friend,' I replied, 'you must still call [illegible] Jean,' as you used to do when you keep[illegible] kindness on the orphan; and it will go [illegible] not convince Louise, before long, that she [illegible] Jean likely to forget.'

The bubble burst, a few days after this visit. [illegible] knew what to make of the whole story. [illegible] of Jacques Hervieu became doubted; [illegible] saw him embark at Marseilles, [illegible] else. Some people thought me [illegible] A splendid hoax! it cost *me* fifteen thou[illegible]

[illegible] of the moment, [illegible]
[illegible] effect. Highest [illegible]
[illegible] of this class. It might [illegible]
[illegible] this order, what was [illegible]
[illegible] if he goes up like a rocket [illegible]
[illegible]. It is the same with what [illegible]
[illegible]able, it does no permanent good [illegible]
[illegible]. I do not remember a single [illegible]
[illegible] without actual loss in the long run. [illegible]
[illegible], in a few weeks, would fain make the colony [illegible]
[illegible] enterprise and integrity take years of labor [illegible]
[illegible] sort of gaming after all, and moved, as [illegible]
[illegible] same influences. But," he added, "I [illegible]
[illegible] pardon me for philosophizing."

[illegible] sex," said Lady Morton, "will scarcely [illegible]
[illegible] Brazilian for the inference, that we cannot [illegible]
[illegible] very serious discourse. I suppose he would [illegible]
[illegible] upon which our attention should be [illegible]
[illegible] talk about frills and flounces—laces and [illegible]
[illegible] and scandal."

[illegible] from the gentleman, that he could not [illegible]
[illegible] *petite trahison* of such a description, was [illegible]
[illegible], that he had been condemned, without the [illegible]
[illegible]. "Your punishment," said she, "shall not [illegible]
[illegible] same. You have heard these gentlemen [illegible]
[illegible] and the judgment of the court is, that you [illegible]
[illegible] example; and your pardon shall [illegible]
[illegible] relate a personal adventure."

[illegible] shall rejoice," said he, "to fulfil my destiny [illegible]
[illegible], which ever wording may best please [illegible]

[illegible] to look upon. Perhaps, [illegible] enough to figure on the [illegible] difficult to discover her age from her [illegible] sight, as if she had not [illegible] of "sweet seventeen," [illegible] might doubt whether she was [illegible] years older. Here was an aspect [illegible] probably retain much of the [illegible] years,

> "There are forms which Time to touch forbears,
> And turns aside his scythe to vulgar things."

[illegible] adorned with that glorious [illegible] "is the best cosmetic in the world." [illegible] for words to describe the character of [illegible] something, real. Was it beauty?

> "Oh, no! it was something more exquisite still!"

[illegible] features were fine in their *ensemble*, [illegible] they were not what you would call [illegible] that best of graces—the grace [illegible] which sometimes irradiates even an [illegible] on handsome features like an aureol on [illegible]. There was something in her [illegible] glance, from hazel eyes at once [illegible] alternations of colour, for there [illegible] glow through her skin, "darkly [illegible]

> "And on her head, a glory—like a saint's."—[illegible]

[illegible] the lips to wear smiles, [illegible] the unseen wound. The figures, [illegible] which was preying upon his [illegible] struggle to seem calm than those of [illegible] had been interested from the [illegible] temple, and now (the lady not having [illegible] shall when her husband kept his promise, [illegible] them:—

[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] were then rewarded. My [illegible]
[illegible] a "leading interest" [illegible]
[illegible] graciously made, but it was [illegible]
[illegible] were necessary; to my [illegible]
[illegible] and his wants from the [illegible]

[illegible] only child. While I was yet [illegible]
[illegible]; and I had completed my [illegible]
[illegible] Providence that my father should [illegible]
[illegible] was very brief. He told me [illegible]
[illegible] death, what indeed, I had long suspected, [illegible]
[illegible] up to his income, and had not taken [illegible]
[illegible] for persons whose incomes terminated [illegible]
[illegible] securing provision for me by means [illegible]
[illegible] constantly saying that he would [illegible]
[illegible], but he had deferred it from [illegible]
[illegible] late. The fact was that—as only [illegible]
[illegible] families, stood between him and [illegible]
[illegible] entirely calculated on the succession, [illegible]
[illegible] In this foolish expectation he had [illegible]
[illegible] according to his hopes than his [illegible]
[illegible], when all his debts were paid, I [illegible]
[illegible] than a hundred pounds. This was [illegible]
[illegible] consolation at the time.

[illegible] greater treasures, however, [illegible]
[illegible] food and clothing. I [illegible]
[illegible] spirit. I had energy, [illegible]
[illegible] ever be dared or done. [illegible]
[illegible] I had received [illegible]
[illegible] had respected me as [illegible]

[illegible] I was [illegible]
[illegible] and was not too proud to [illegible]
[illegible] new London, I had only [illegible]
[illegible] the mighty city as many [illegible]
[illegible] that is, as a literary adventurer. [illegible]
[illegible] for I did not then know its [illegible]
[illegible] my sinking fortunes. I had [illegible]
[illegible] of success, but I confess, that I [illegible]
[illegible] some employment for my pen. [illegible]
[illegible] difficulty—I was not only very young [illegible]
[illegible]. Publishers and editors received [illegible]
[illegible] what I *could* do, but what I *had* [illegible]
[illegible] stranger, wholly untried, and they were [illegible]
[illegible] to risk the experiment of engaging with [illegible]
[illegible] make a name. I did not blame them, [illegible]
[illegible] cannot blame them now. It [illegible]
[illegible] the career upon which I had [illegible]
[illegible] lucky chance in the chapter of [illegible]
[illegible] it was possible that I might never have [illegible]
[illegible] showing what I really could do. Of [illegible]
[illegible] this mortal life, I know few [illegible]
[illegible] of a man of letters, who feels that [illegible]
[illegible] would give him high repu[illegible]
[illegible] opportunity of getting the wishe[illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] be sure that I did not forget [illegible]
[illegible] the newspaper press. Here [illegible]
[illegible]. Men of at least equal [illegible]
[illegible] experience which I did [illegible]
[illegible]; and while I lamented the [illegible]
[illegible] it. I stooped—if a man can [illegible]

he seeks for honest employment—I stooped even to solicit the situation of reader in a printing-office: the same result—I wanted experience, and employers care not to pay a man, and also show him how to do his business, and wait until he has learned it. Then, as I wrote a fair hand, and was a good accountant, I endeavoured to obtain the situation of mercantile clerk, but I had no one to whom to refer for character, and give the requisite security for probity. It was the same with every thing I tried—there always was some excellent impediment to my success. I might have been own brother to the unfortunate gentleman who complained that, if he had been a hatter, it was probable the human race would have been born without heads.

At last, after I had been in London for some months, I was so fortunate as to obtain employment. Heaven knows it did not come before it was wanted, for my resources were literally *in extremis*. Why should I be ashamed to confess that I have known what it is to want food for more than a day, for I had to depend for mere existence on the remuneration (slight enough at all times), which I could obtain for such light articles of literature or criticism as I had disposed of to the magazines and weekly periodicals. But now, a more certain and remunerative field for literary exertion was opened to me. I was engaged as a principal contributor to a biographical work of some pretensions, and I prepared to enter upon it with the earnestness and industry which are requisite for such a purpose. I had established a character for punctuality and readiness while casually contributing to one of the magazines, and this induced its proprietor to offer me this engagement, which was prosperity itself, compared with the condition out of which my recent struggles had not been able to extricate me.

On a fine April morning, as I passed through the streets of

"A rose, with all its petals yet unbroken."

bridegroom was about four times her age. [illegible] not a love-match; but neither did it [illegible] marriage. The young lady exhibited [illegible] to what *I* could not help thinking [illegible] herself with graceful elegance [illegible] have gone through the ceremony [illegible]

[illegible] age of one-and-twenty, if ever, [illegible] in his mind. What a dull [illegible] For my own part, I have alw[illegible] in the air; and, on that day, looking [illegible] bride, I felt a strong regret [illegible] so unmeetly matched to Age [illegible]—that she was not [illegible]

[illegible] hour, I had been heart-fr[illegible] girl, the arrow entered into my [illegible] I knew that; but I [illegible] and nearer gaze upon [illegible] nothing wrong; to look [illegible] as I did, was.

[illegible]

the church, to catch a parting glimpse. A carriage was drawn up to the steps. The aged bridegroom hastened down them as rapidly as his infirmities would allow, the bride supporting him rather than being herself supported. The novelty and excitement of her situation had slightly tinged her cheek with the most delightful and changeful blush imaginable. My fixed and eager glance met hers—I fancied that she blushed yet deeper beneath that steadfast impassioned gaze. The bridegroom, forgetful of the politeness which, *then* at least, should have been extended to the lady, entered the carriage before her. I saw all the embarrassment of her situation, and eagerly stepped forward to assist her. In truth, she had no other resource. Half confused—half angered, perhaps—she took my proffered hand in preference to that of a liveried lackey. A moment, and she was in the carriage. She gracefully bowed her thanks—the vehicle whirled off—I stood alone, on the steps of St. George's Church, gazing after it.

My self-possession immediately returned. I bounded off at my utmost speed. The people whom I passed must have thought me mad. I contrived to keep the carriage in view, though I became so exhausted by my long and rapid race, that I was more than once on the point of abandoning the pursuit. Still I mechanically toiled on—my heart heaving as if it were about to break; my temples throbbing as if the blood would burst from the swelled arteries; my knees bending beneath me. I was forced to lean against a lamp-post for support, utterly exhausted, when—the carriage stopped.

I stood in Harley street. My fatigue was at once forgotten. Again I rushed forward—just in time to hand the bride from the carriage. The servants had no time to interfere; perhaps they thought I was one of her friends. She grew pale and

[illegible]

[illegible] the church-door, for [illegible] simple act of courtesy; but how [illegible] to see me before her, at the end of [illegible] this was embarrassing—but there was [illegible] could I have given it. Her hand [illegible] fell to the ground. I raised it up, [illegible] the fair hand I held. She [illegible] sort of smiling surprise as, with [illegible] she withdrew that hand. I turned [illegible] was on the threshold of his door [illegible] rolled away. The white train [illegible] the hall. I saw her fair face [illegible] turned. My salute was gracefully [illegible] The door closed, and I [illegible] the glove to my lips—feeling [illegible] fit in my life, with a world of [illegible] late, I had not seen and [illegible] had glanced across my path for [illegible]

"The brief to meet, but never to forget."

[illegible] home, I communed with my [illegible] spoke, and was neither unhap[illegible] resolution than young blood [illegible] have been expected to form. [illegible] and myself could have no inter[illegible] wife now, and I but a strugg[illegible] the great gulf then [illegible] home—to be [illegible] Fanny would [illegible]

[illegible] you how very little [illegible] interested, I never [illegible]! You think that this [illegible] indifferent, or so very strong and [illegible] have persuaded [illegible]

[illegible] all this time, I had [illegible] members of my father's family [illegible] as much coldness and indifference. [illegible] wrote to me on business; and I was [illegible] opportunity in my reply, of paying off [illegible] that three of my cousins, [illegible] distinction of being esteemed "[illegible] had drunk themselves into [illegible] from the consequences of their [illegible] was anxious to sell part of his [illegible] exclusively in the line of succession [illegible] according to family settlements [illegible] from" (as I was told), previous [illegible] the entail." I never wrote any [illegible] then that in which, respectfully [illegible] all interference with the affairs of [illegible] but disowned my father, and had [illegible] resolved to show them that, in spirit [illegible] I subsequently was informed [illegible] respected me for my unbending [illegible] but, he had ample cause to rejoice [illegible] money to make a large investment [illegible] property, at the suggestion of [illegible] and my refusal to join him [illegible]

[illegible] I sized upon as a minor [illegible]
[illegible] I commenced my task. I [illegible]
[illegible], and how it should be treated: [illegible]
[illegible] developed in my mind before I [illegible]
[illegible] months I had completed the drama. [illegible]
[illegible] weeks, after which, the [illegible]
[illegible] cooled down, I could calmly [illegible]
[illegible] written, and prune the exuberan[illegible]
[illegible], by compression, the [illegible]
[illegible] difficulty, not undreamt of [illegible]
[illegible] disregarded,—how to get [illegible]
[illegible] boldness to do what the [illegible]
[illegible] the emergency alone [illegible]
[illegible], with my play in [illegible]
[illegible] profound [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] a single [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] me. My world [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the ordeal was past. The [illegible]
[illegible] for repetition amid shouts of [illegible]
[illegible] suspected that the abstracted [illegible]
[illegible] the successful author. [illegible]
[illegible] made way to me, thronged round me [illegible]
[illegible] and warmly offered me their [illegible]
[illegible] ran through the house—"The [illegible]
[illegible] found a voice. I felt, as [illegible]
[illegible] the object of general interest. I [illegible]
[illegible] than two-and-twenty, I had gained [illegible]
[illegible] immature age few had even [illegible]
[illegible] they said, that novelty—a truly [illegible]
[illegible] dilution "adapted from the French [illegible]
[illegible] thoroughly English in sentiment [illegible]
[illegible] upon me, all voices swelling to do [illegible]
[illegible] to meet, the voice I longed to [illegible]
[illegible]. At length, the beautiful Unknown [illegible]
[illegible] interest: the murmur had reached [illegible]
[illegible] applauded the play in its progress [illegible]
[illegible] that she had given it that sincere [illegible]
[illegible]. Now she turned to look upon [illegible]
[illegible] but her eyes coldly met mine, without [illegible]
[illegible] and she rose to leave the theatre.

[illegible] no time in quitting my place. [illegible]
[illegible], that I did not heed, far less [illegible]
[illegible] greeted me as I left the [illegible]
[illegible] better; it was attributed to [illegible]
[illegible] quite unconscious of the applause.

[illegible]

[illegible] I expected that, [illegible] the full light of [illegible] [illegible] her life, probably [illegible] [illegible] head, her face only half [illegible] [illegible] eyes most provokingly [illegible] [illegible] that! I can smile now, to [illegible] [illegible] annoyed me then. But such [illegible] [illegible], will cloud the sunshine of the [illegible] [illegible] and dim the eye, and dull the spirit, [illegible] life are composed of trifles—[illegible] [illegible] up of atoms.

[illegible] reply to the lady's inquiry, I handed [illegible] [illegible] time pronouncing my name. [illegible] [illegible] than the change caused by the [illegible] "Trevillian." I doubt whether the "[illegible] [illegible] Dubs had a more sudden or [illegible] [illegible] the word had passed my lips, [illegible] [illegible] and earnestly fixing upon me an [illegible] [illegible], as if she would have read every [illegible] [illegible] I have never pretended to be a very [illegible] [illegible] beneath the intensity of that [illegible] [illegible] worse, it continued long. I began [illegible] [illegible] by her excess of attention, as I had [illegible] [illegible] neglect of it. Even a man of the [illegible] [illegible] embarrassed—I was but a man of letters, [illegible] [illegible] are sometimes as little self-possessed [illegible] [illegible] lady found a voice at last, but not until [illegible] [illegible] as you would read a book. If [illegible] [illegible] grown, she had qualified herself [illegible]

[illegible]?" she repeated. "It is very [illegible] [illegible] pause—"may I ask whether we h[illegible]

[illegible] early in the morning, [illegible] to run on more [illegible] so leaden-footed as these. [illegible] thought was to see—the [illegible] have a glance through the [illegible] at any impatience. Every [illegible] anxious to see what the [illegible] said of the players, "They [illegible] chronicles of the time; after your [illegible] epitaph than their ill report [illegible] been very successful on the [illegible] regarded the mind of the public [illegible] of the Press might say of it. [illegible] of them seemed in a friendly com[illegible] Of Kean's acting they spoke enth[illegible] was mine; I was, indeed, one of [illegible] on that morning.

[illegible] day rolled on, visitor after visi[illegible] before had my humble apart[illegible] visitors. To have writ[illegible] great thing in those days; the[illegible] of the gifted and distinguished [illegible] morning some of them, and [illegible] cultivated that feeling, and [illegible]

[illegible] myself. Believe me [illegible]
[illegible] in which you can place [illegible]
[illegible] speak of himself to a charming [illegible]
[illegible] compliment of being [illegible]
[illegible] he says:—the seeming is [illegible]
[illegible] the reality in such cases, until [illegible]
[illegible] day fixed my fate.

[illegible] was every excuse for it—if love [illegible]
[illegible]. The lady was not only beautiful [illegible]
[illegible] so, perhaps, than is usual at her age, [illegible]
[illegible]. But there was deep and solid [illegible]
[illegible] foundation, beneath the Corinthian [illegible]
[illegible]. Added to this, there was [illegible]
[illegible] of enthusiasm, and that most danger[illegible]
[illegible] possessed by a lovely, witty, [illegible]
[illegible] of the ridiculous. This she [illegible]
[illegible]—the jewelled scimitar flashed [illegible]
[illegible] repose, her face would [illegible]
[illegible] description of one of our [illegible]

> "Thought she upon her happy brow—[illegible]
> The pure young thoughts that [illegible]
> Making the mortal beauty yet [illegible]
> By the immortal beauty from [illegible]

[illegible] so many natural and acquired [illegible]
[illegible] hour, which was meet to be [illegible]

[illegible] interest which she took, or [illegible]
[illegible] entertained me, was very flatter[illegible]
[illegible]. Time was not leaden-footed [illegible]
[illegible] had become acquainted [illegible]

[illegible] death left her [illegible] to [illegible] my restitution. The [illegible] which Mr. Stanley had [illegible] a female relative, to whom [illegible] lived with her as companion. [illegible] was the substance of what I [illegible] after—a story which [illegible] If I despised one thing more than [illegible] wretched character, a fortune-hunter, [illegible] written before, I was doubly [illegible] conversation had revealed the [illegible] of Mrs. Stanley's mind. But [illegible] my hopes. If she had been [illegible] have been the friend to protect, and [illegible] through life. If she had been poor, I [illegible] into drachmas for her; I would [illegible] my mind to support her;—but [illegible] luxury, with all the friends they can [illegible] above my aim.

[illegible] who know any thing of the [illegible] of the passion-stirrings of [illegible] which the heart feels in conversation—you may imagine how rapidly [illegible] thus conversed together, [illegible] had known each other for years. [illegible] the accident of the preceding evening [illegible] that, until this morning, she [illegible] of the extent of her obligations [illegible]

[illegible] had told me that [illegible] my command. I did not [illegible] him, for he was [illegible] one would think of [illegible] heart. Yet, I actually [illegible] have been because I was [illegible] me. I told him what I did, [illegible] and me with attention. "It [illegible] and her fortune would be [illegible] evident that *she* has a fancy [illegible] to marry her. I see that you [illegible] friendless and fortuneless, and I [illegible] that of her being neither should [illegible] "

[illegible] attempts to argue against his [illegible] "If *you* had fortune, you would [illegible] that *she* has it, so the case [illegible] *mutandis*. You cannot do [illegible] this Mrs. Stanley, and marry [illegible] will want money, perhaps? [illegible] pounds: draw on me for [illegible] ich you may require for [illegible] you have the means. [illegible] me a service, more essential [illegible] must allow me to [illegible] I do not ri[illegible] you will re[illegible]

[illegible] I, I, I, [illegible] exposition [illegible] I thrust the other letters [illegible] them, and hurried to my [illegible] satisfaction than when [illegible] when the marriage had [illegible] and vexed when I told him [illegible] as they were when I had [illegible] he considered me as a [illegible] thrown away a good chance. [illegible] proceeded to Harley street. Mrs. [illegible] her words hurried. An indi[illegible] was started, but neither of us [illegible] I knew not how it was, but as [illegible] my hand unconsciously [illegible] to encircle her waist. My [illegible] that the intrusion was scarcely [illegible] my lips ventured to press [illegible] hers. Ere she could utter [illegible] her side, and had breathed all [illegible] to whisper some of my hope. [illegible] sigh—a long, long [illegible] delicate blush—a slight [illegible] eloquent than the richest [illegible] her answer [illegible]

[illegible] week before, informing [illegible] had been lost at sea, on their [illegible] the propriety, as I [illegible] of my visiting [illegible] my only surviving male [illegible] and would have written with [illegible] from the tone of our [illegible] letter would be returned [illegible] letter was from my [illegible] the shipwreck, and urging [illegible] Cornwall. In a postscript—[illegible] the pith of a young lady's letter [illegible] throve!"

[illegible] may imagine what my first [illegible] release Marianna from [illegible] I then could prove that it was [illegible] sought to win.

[illegible] the conversation which ensued [illegible] school-fellow of my cousin [illegible] of my evil fortunes; that [illegible] her interest had been [illegible] rest was only a repetition [illegible] had confessed before. [illegible] of my change [illegible]

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[illegible] can be no doubt," observed [illegible] of which you speak is plausi[illegible] whether it has any thing like [illegible] performances more purely literary, [illegible] season of popularity, but if it [illegible] the immediate and more enthusi[illegible] first; it finds a succession of [illegible] year; while a popular play [illegible] laid upon the shelf, and rarely is it [illegible] forget that a good drama, th[illegible] after a time—but this does not [illegible] in the closet, long after it has [illegible] He who writes what, for di[illegible] book, achieves his reputation by a [illegible] dramatist. [illegible] or months may pass [illegible] maker has the *éclat* of success, but the [illegible] goal with one effort, and in [illegible] the theatre an unknown man—he [illegible] people; and while his play is before [illegible] succession of nightly triumphs."

[illegible]!" exclaimed Lady Morton, "[illegible]

[illegible] curtain raised or lowered [illegible] of one of the hundred [illegible] curtain on which depends the [illegible] upon the stage—these are things [illegible] a performance, and any one of [illegible] into hisses. These depend [illegible] the sobriety of workmen, and [illegible] selection of proper persons. [illegible] failures arising from the neglect [illegible] pique, the spleen, the ignorance, [illegible] of the actors themselves, or, [illegible] jealousy of the manager. He who [illegible] in the play—the mere delineator—may so mar the scene [illegible] an air of burlesque upon the [illegible]. On the other hand, the author [illegible] be of less sudden growth, has [illegible] existence. What he has written, with [illegible] impression which its perusal makes [illegible], and on the multitude of minds."

[illegible] Practice," said Crayon, "that the [illegible] of a dramatist and of a painter [illegible]. For my own part, I think that Literature [illegible] of fame, may claim a high [illegible] in many cases is tradition rather [illegible] parishes, a book lives for ages [illegible]!" said Tremilion, "with all [illegible]

[illegible] with childish [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

they do to the Drama? [illegible]
[illegible]. But never had a country [illegible]
[illegible] princes—as the guests of [illegible]
[illegible], sculptors, and engravers, [illegible]
[illegible] artists of Europe. Never had [illegible]
[illegible] fostering the fine Arts throughout [illegible]
[illegible] should possess, and can [illegible]
[illegible] of its own. My idea of such an [illegible]
[illegible] in the Old World [illegible]
[illegible] best paintings and sculp[illegible]
[illegible], whether publicly exhibited or [illegible]
[illegible] frequently not even received [illegible]
[illegible] plea of "want of room"—should [illegible]
[illegible] year, on the responsibility of a Com[illegible]
[illegible] of men of recognised taste [illegible]
[illegible] should be in any way connected [illegible]
[illegible] Artists. A comparatively small [illegible]
[illegible] in this manner, would do more [illegible]
[illegible] than twice the amount disbursed by [illegible]
[illegible] would be the most effectual [illegible]
[illegible] encourage native talent; and, if [illegible]
[illegible], the Painter and the Sculp[illegible]

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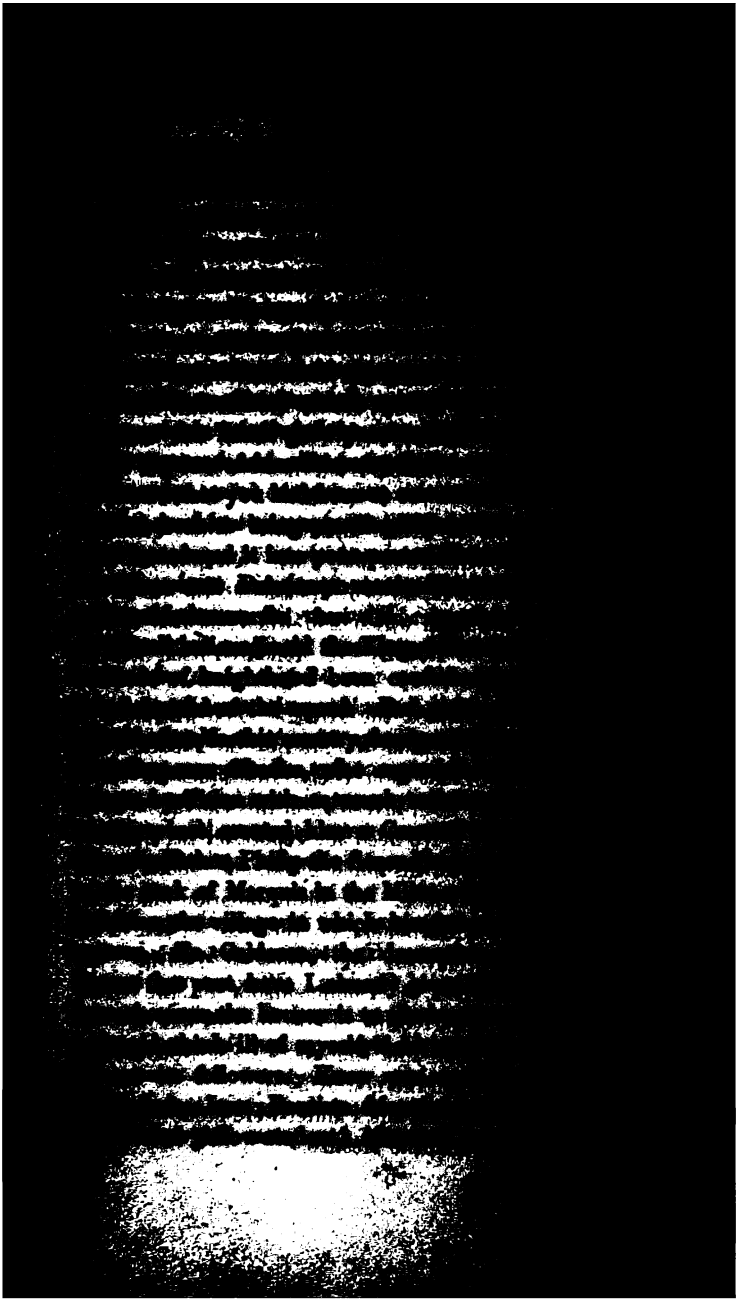
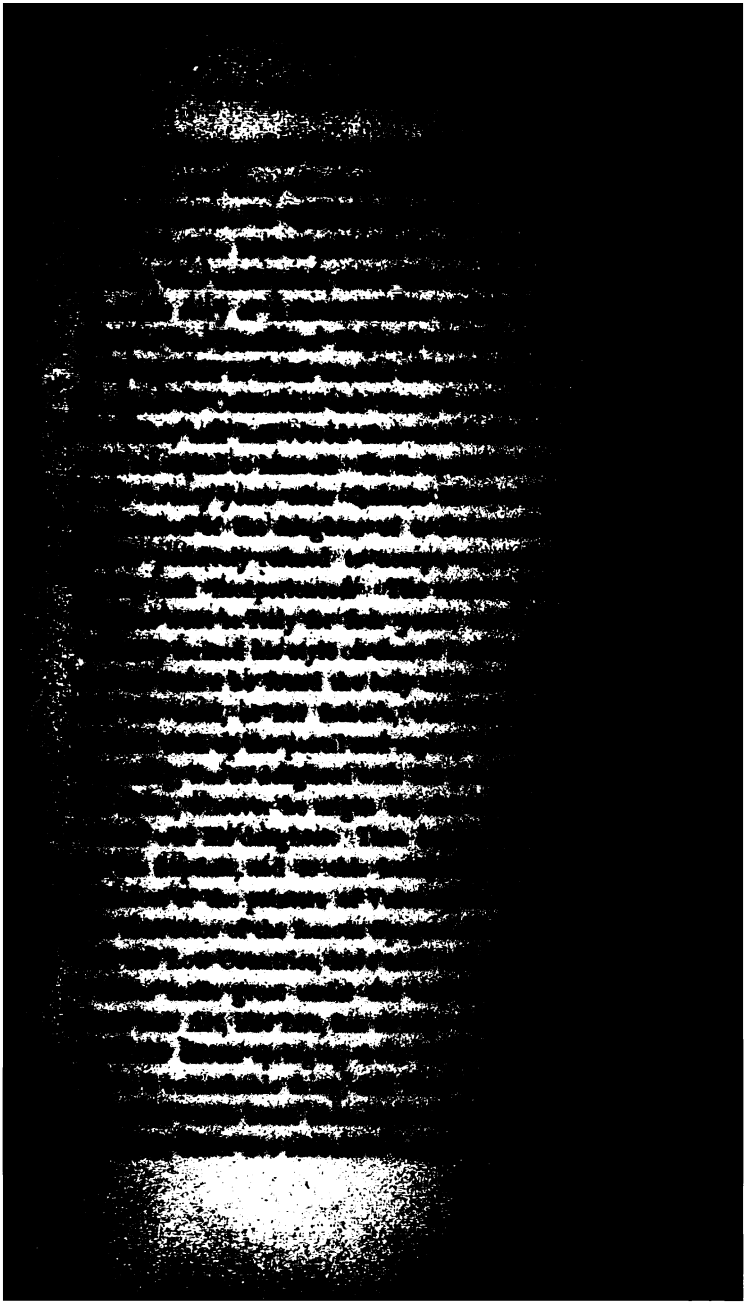
the Alcazar Real, at Madrid, [illegible] apartments was particularly [illegible] the royal habitation. These [illegible] the personal *embellisher* of [illegible] duties, not only delighted to [illegible] the followers of Art, but [illegible] protection was the same Philip the [illegible], as Prince of the Asturias, [illegible] Elder. The painter (distinguished [illegible] time, as rivalling the skill, [illegible] Vandyke have elevated into [illegible] Rodriguez da Silva y Velasquez [illegible] at Seville in the last year of [illegible] time in which Vandyke was [illegible]), of parents who were noble [illegible] circumstances, Velasquez received [illegible] bestow—a liberal education. [illegible] strong predilection for Art, that [illegible] Herrara—an artist whose temper [illegible] undoubted, and whose vigorous [illegible] even yet may be considered [illegible] exhibited in the best works of [illegible]. Velasquez derived the boldness [illegible] distinguished him. No pupil [illegible] and harshness of such a master

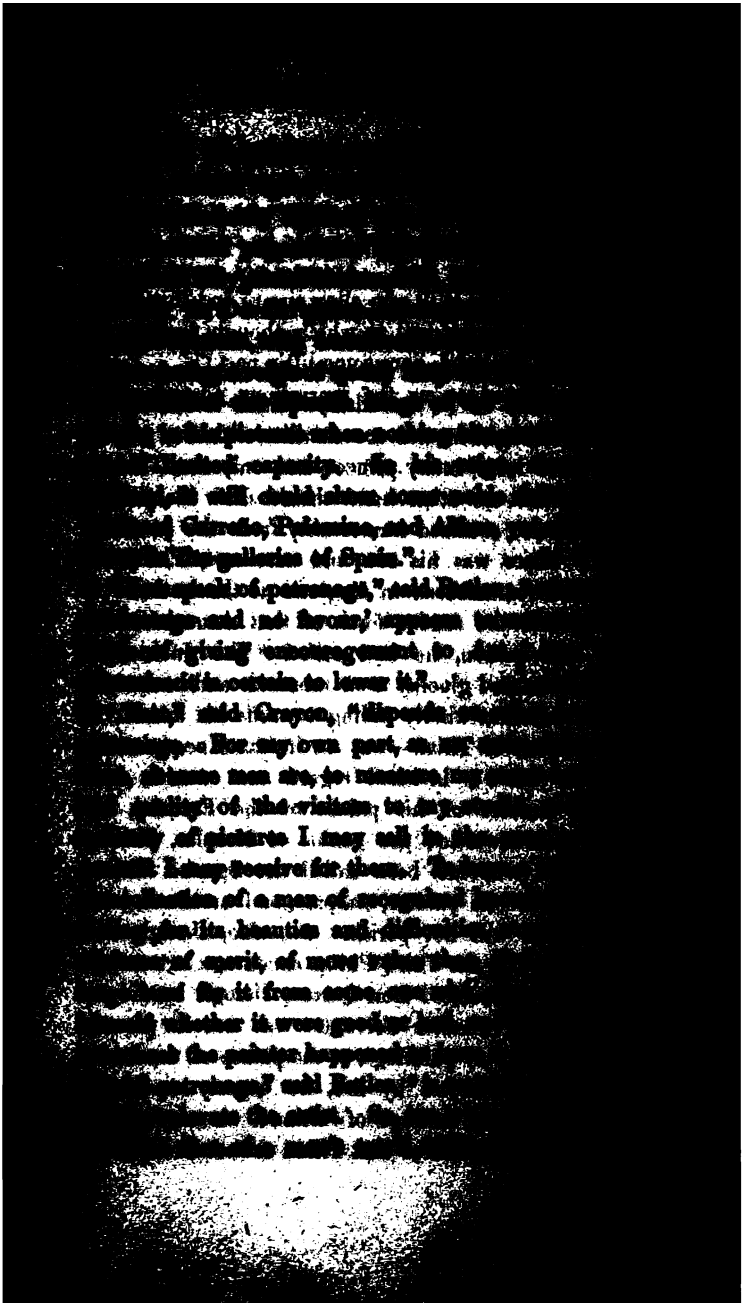
[illegible]

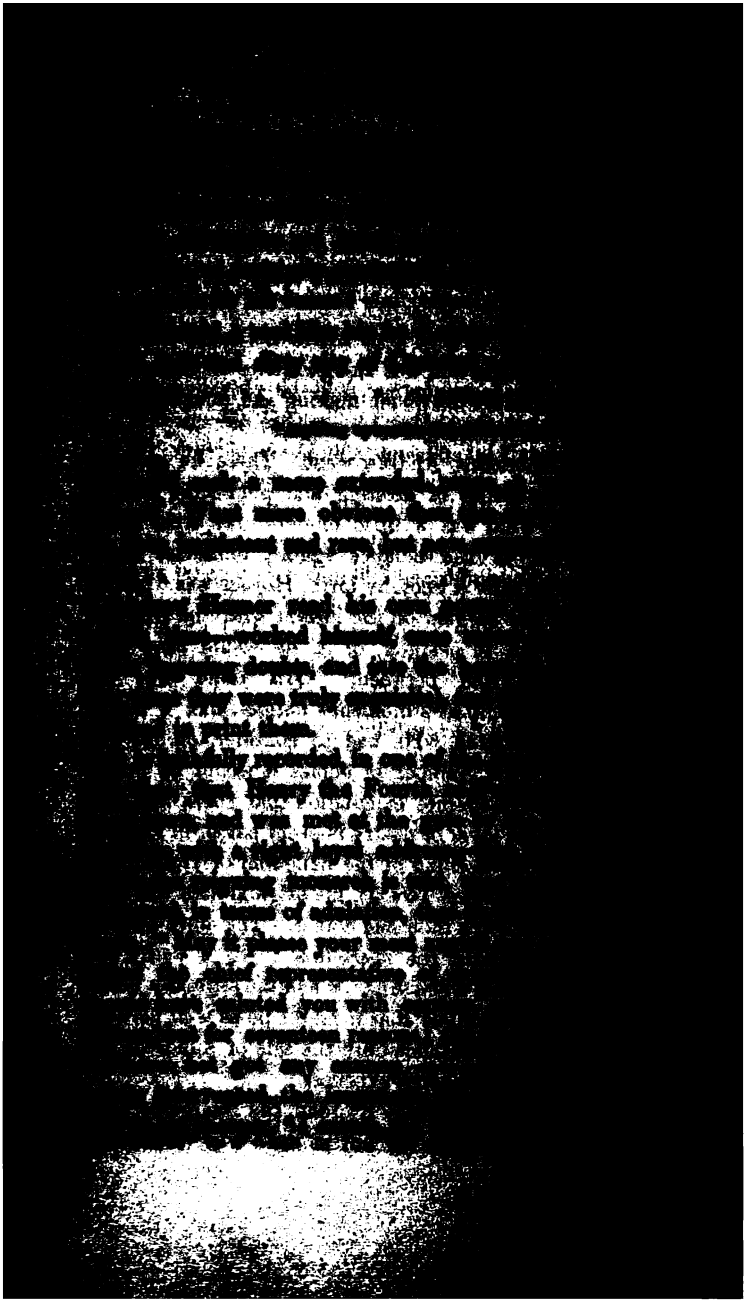
[illegible] Fine Arts, which the [illegible] established. He [illegible] the artistic treasures of [illegible] He called the fairest flowers [illegible] own realm. Seldom has [illegible] and munificent [illegible] the age of twenty-three, Velasquez [illegible] surpassed only by Juan de Pa[illegible] there in April, 1622, and through [illegible] of noble birth, a native of Sevi[illegible] merit attached to the person [illegible] of Usher of the Curtain), obtained [illegible] ties, in which he industriously [illegible] but had to return to Seville without [illegible] King's portrait.

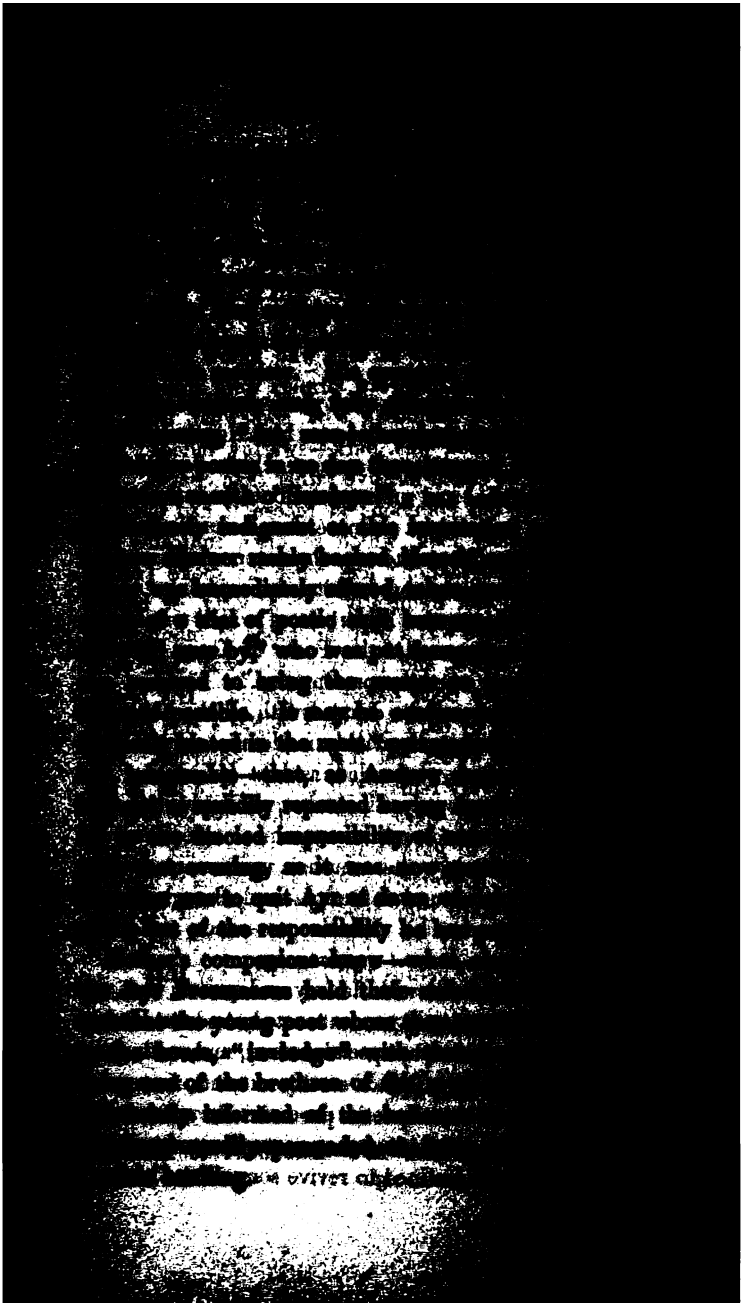
Shortly after, however, he received [illegible] proceed to court. Thither he [illegible] painted the portrait of his friend [illegible] lodged. The very day that [illegible] taken to the palace, where it was [illegible] the Infantes, and the courtiers [illegible] to visit the artist. So [illegible] Velasquez was immediately [illegible]



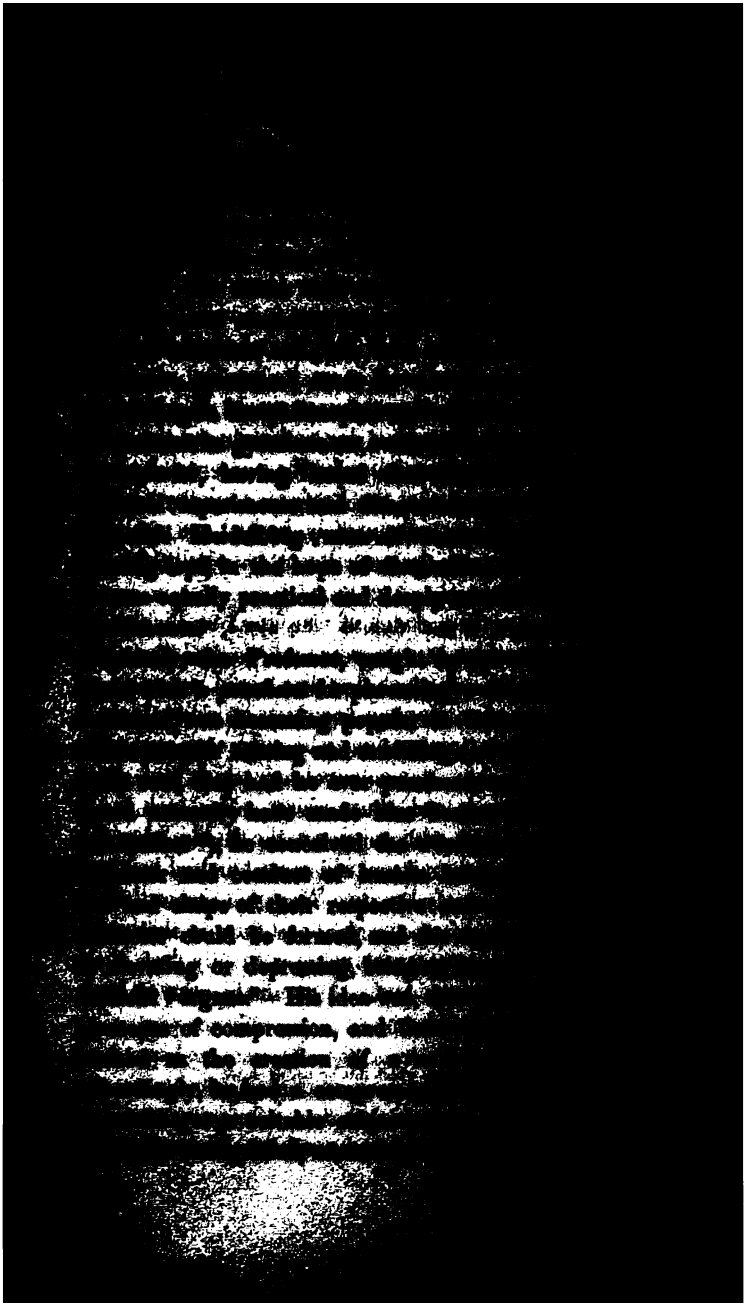


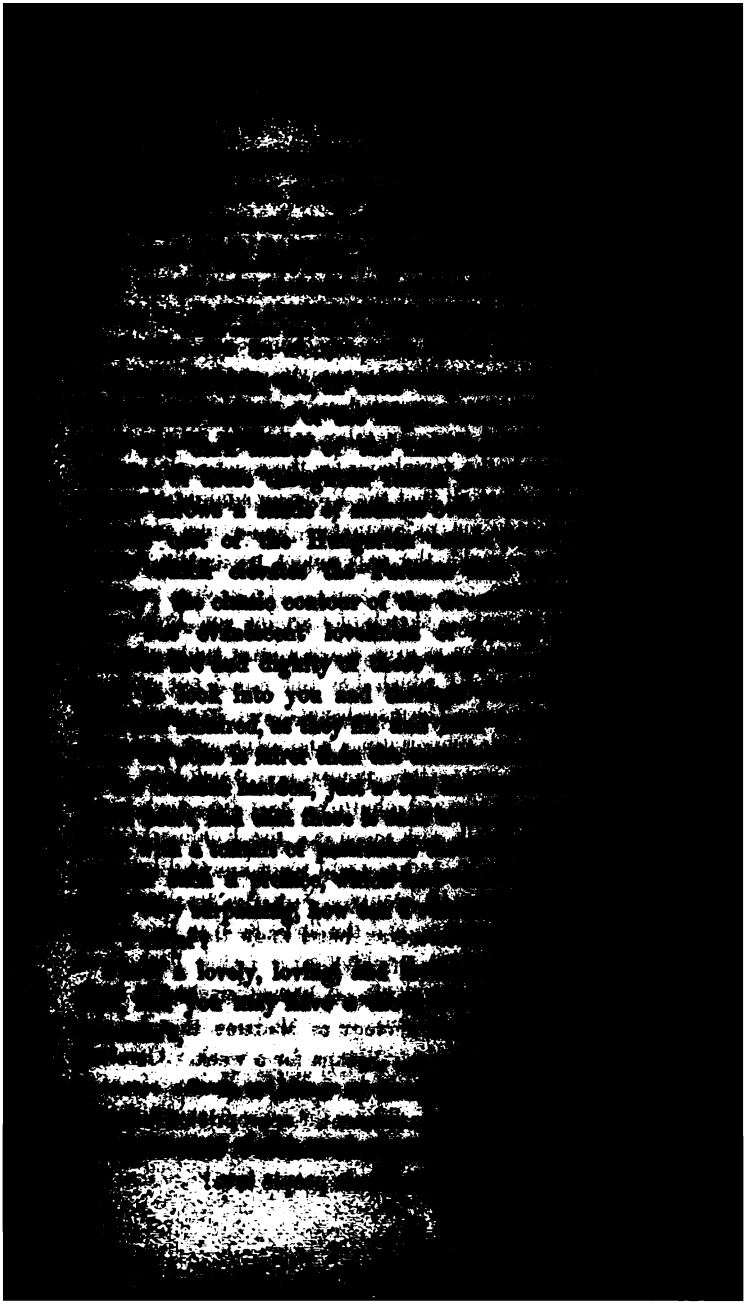






[illegible] man, better prophet [illegible]
[illegible] but you'll be a great [illegible]
[illegible] the prediction [illegible]
[illegible] of poems was sent [illegible]
[illegible] Kilmarnock. The [illegible]
[illegible] Edinburgh. Copies, [illegible]
[illegible] printed, and were [illegible]
[illegible] of their [illegible]
[illegible] The fame of [illegible]
[illegible] throughout the world. [illegible]
[illegible] to visit the cottage [illegible]
[illegible] in which he lived, the [illegible]
[illegible] the house in which he died [illegible]
[illegible] perfect. His genius [illegible]
[illegible] the reproach of [illegible]
[illegible] while fame was the [illegible]
[illegible] of Andrew [illegible]





the lovely face of Mary of Scotland, won many a heart. Her figure was slight, without being fragile. Her hair was light, and in beautiful abundance. Her complexion, carnationed like an infant's, was not *too* fresh. I need not catalogue all her charms, but let me add that she had what Byron calls "thorough-bred feet and fingers." In a word, both in person and mind, she was a delightful specimen of womanhood in its earliest prime; well-educated, too, though she made no display of her attainments; fond of music, and even suspected of having composed some of the airs which she sweetly warbled; and gloriously good-tempered, in spite of sundry and frequent trials from the vinegar disposition of Madame Annette von Pichler, a cross-grained old maid, her aunt and guardian. When Madame scolded (which, to do her justice, was only five minutes in every half-hour), Caroline resorted to painting or the piano. If these did not please her, she retired to her own apartment to prepare her lessons for her private tutor, Ernst Manheim.

Ernst was young—not yet five-and-twenty. He was handsome. Caroline, somehow or other, always identified him, in her thoughts, with the Apollo Belvidere. Poor girl! She was not the first, by thousands, who had raised a mortal into an idol, making her own heart the shrine.

For twelve months, Ernst Manheim had been visiting tutor to Caroline von Pichler. I cannot say whether he taught her much in languages and sciences; but I know that he taught her Love, which is the very life of Life.

A great crime!—Ernst had been absent six entire days, and had only sent a formal apology to Madame, that he was compelled by business to quit Vienna for a week. Caroline, albeit taught, from childhood, to avoid even the remotest breach of the Eighth Commandment, "appropriated" Ernst's note from her aunt's work-box, and carried it next her heart. What odd fancies little Cupid leads people into!

with the fullest proof of his identity. Our good Emperor Francis could scarcely refuse him speedy justice, for your family have an hereditary right to obtain not only justice but favour from the Imperial ruler of Germany. The Emperor Charles the Fifth borrowed a million florins from Anthony von Fugger, one of your ancestors, one of the merchant princes of Augsburg. The money was to enable him to support the war against the majority of the Princes of Germany. He returned through Augsburg, a conqueror, and his creditor not only entertained him and his retinue for two days, in the most sumptuous manner, but, before the Emperor departed, put his bond into a fire of cinnamon bark made for the purpose, and burned it before his eyes. In acknowledgment of this generosity, he and his brother were made Counts and Bannerets of the Empire, receiving lands and fiefs in perpetuity for themselves and their descendants.* Your cousin's claim has been made, has been admitted by the Imperial Chancery, has been confirmed by the Emperor; and, this very day, if he will, he may take possession of your lands, your wealth. But enough of this. Are you inclined to marry, and to marry the Professor?"

There fell no accent of reply from the ripe lips of Caroline; but Ernst saw her cheek flush and then become pale, while he felt her hand tremble within his.

"Your intended will be here to-day," added he, "and it is proposed that you shall marry him to-morrow."

* This is historical. The brothers were invested with the estates of Kirchbeg and Weissenhorn, and obtained patents, granting them the privileges of ranking with the Prince of the Empire, of creating nobles under the rank of Count, and of coining money. On Anthony's death, in the middle of the 16th century, he left six million golden crowns, besides jewels, pictures, merchandise, and other personal property, as well as possessions in various parts of Europe and the Indies. When Charles V. was shown the royal treasure at Paris, he said, "I have one trader at Augsburg, who could pay as much as this with his own gold."

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[illegible] it had been my [illegible]

[illegible] overcome with [illegible]

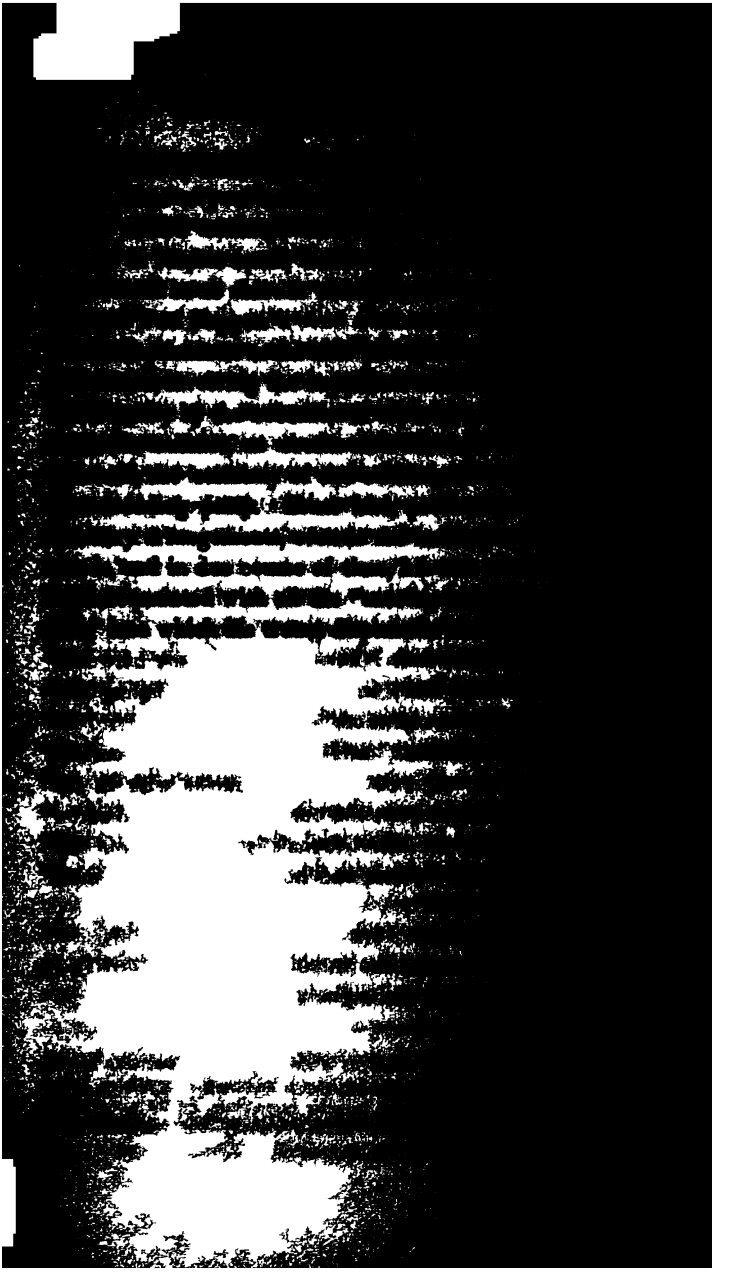
[illegible] dimly lit room in the [illegible]

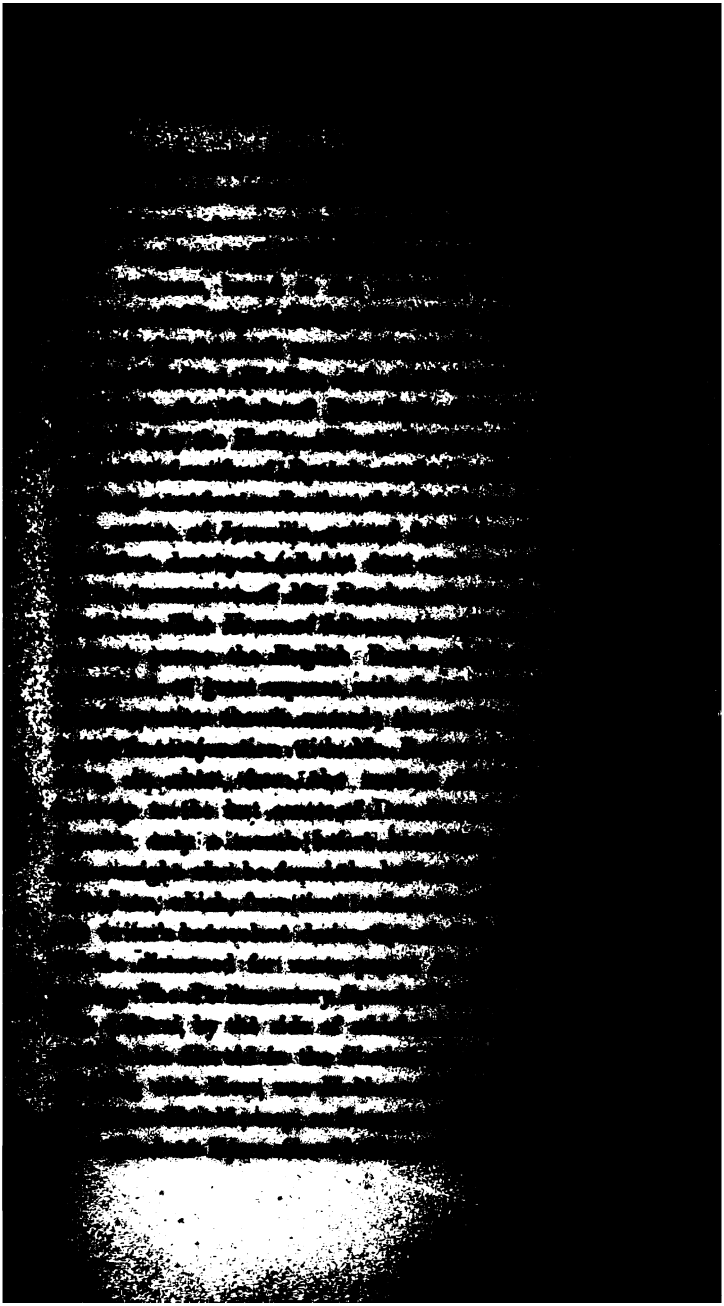
[illegible] make a [illegible]

"Perhaps," asked Tressilian, "it may not be too much to inquire whether this adventure comes under the head of fact or fancy? Has it been written to illustrate the sketch, or has the work of the pen preceded that of the pencil?"

"I plead guilty," said Crayon, "to the invention of the story; but though the incidents have been imagined, to illustrate the drawing, the main character was real, and the original might be encountered, any day of the week, in the town of Liverpool. To shoot folly as it flies, is a legitimate task for any one who writes; and the original of my Professor Richter presented so many, and such obvious marks, that I could not help hitting them. As the Irish gentleman said, at Donnybrook fair, when he dealt a blow of his hurley to some bald head, which the wearer had thrust out of a slit in the tent, with the purpose of cooling it, 'It was so tempting, that I could not help striking it.' For my own part, however, I rather fear that I have not shown my hero half so absurd as the original; in this respect, my failing has leaned on the side of moderation."

"It would not be difficult," said Butler, "to make a curious chapter out of the originals whom one meets with in the daily path of life. I encountered one, as peculiar as Andrew Horner or the hero of Mr. Crayon's story. Do me the favour of hearing who he was, and how I happened to meet him."





[illegible] adopted the "nil admirari" of [illegible] with surprise [illegible] completely [illegible] looked through the [illegible] of man was the bibliopole. [illegible] within—but that was the [illegible] appeared doubtful whether the [illegible] changed. There was no view of [illegible] were left exposed to public view [illegible] ironic vender had a fond confidence [illegible] one would as soon commit [illegible] by the window for nearly [illegible] many persons passed. [illegible] to look at them. Two or three [illegible] purchase, but went off, because no [illegible] Yet, unprotected as was this [illegible] one appeared inclined to abstract [illegible] spending some time in looking through [illegible] contemplation of the advent of their [illegible]

"Homeward speed my [illegible]

[illegible] other day, I passed by this [illegible] day, I was disappointed in my [illegible] [illegible]. There was a touch of [illegible] which formed an atmosphere [illegible] Washington Irving's "Sleepy [illegible] [illegible] of literary fever. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] could he be? Had he [illegible] his constant absence? [illegible] resemble what Mr. [illegible] in a winding-sheet, crowded [illegible] thoughts of privately [illegible] the presumption that if he were [illegible] bring him out. But I happily [illegible] in that neighbourhood were old—[illegible] chiefly built of wood, might easily [illegible] other day, when it was burnt down,—that [illegible] than to check a conflagration—that [illegible] looked at very unkindly by the law—and [illegible] might find it difficult to get a jury to understand my motives. So, I refrained.

Through Wych street I made it a point of [illegible] of the day:—the books were invariably [illegible] the door of that mysterious shop was [illegible] the books always were—there, their owner [illegible] that time I was engaged in severe and time-[illegible] I could not help thinking, much oftener [illegible] the little book-stall in Wych street, and [illegible] Who could he be?—where was he?

Once, as I was passing by, a tall gentleman [illegible] up to me as I was standing with [illegible] hand—a feint of mine to obtain a [illegible] "A strange fellow keeps this shop, sir." [illegible] him, then?" I asked, with some [illegible] "Ay," said he. "When he first [illegible] ago, I purchased some of [illegible] him the price he asked, for [illegible] years ago, and wished to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sphynx of [illegible]

[illegible] from within—the clapping of [illegible]

[illegible] was at once of the return [illegible]

[illegible] of the fact that he was [illegible]

[illegible]." The man was evidently [illegible]

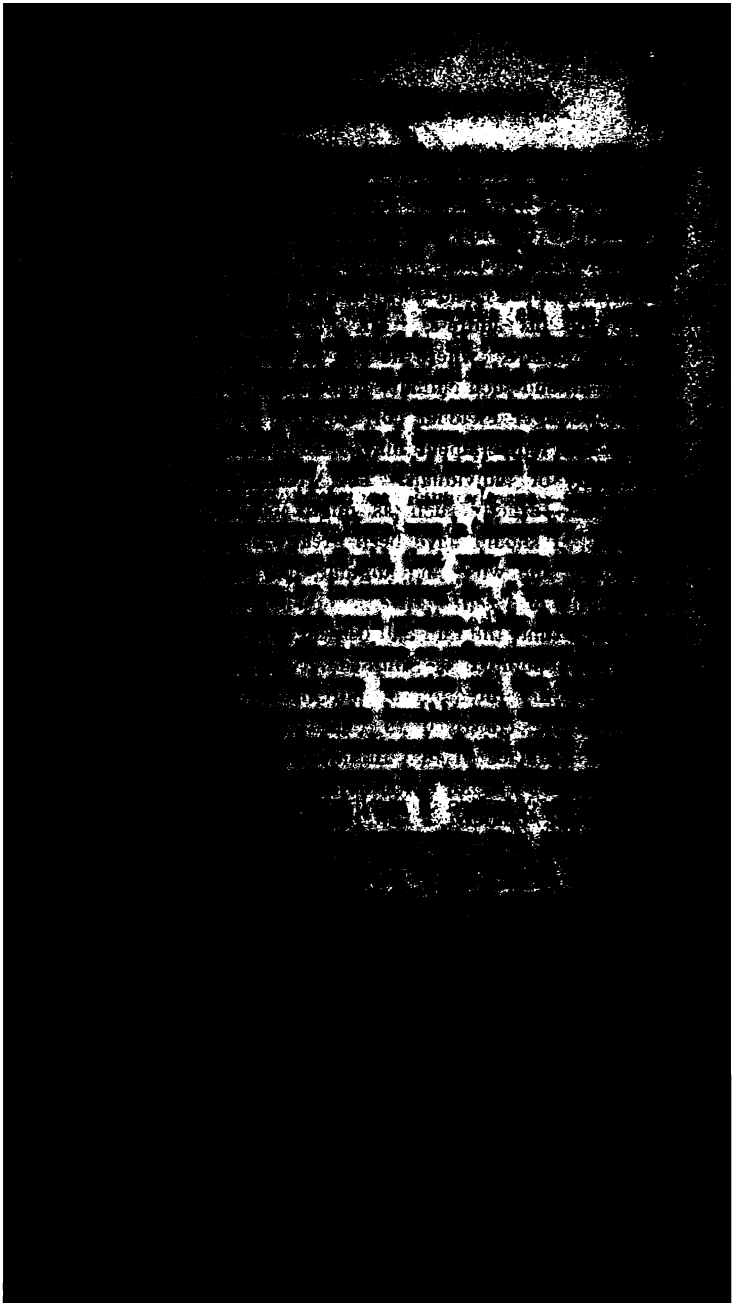
[illegible] dinner.

Of course, I made up my mind to wait until [illegible] had speech of him: eye, though I [illegible] that in that dim, narrow passage until [illegible] patiently did I delay, for nearly half-an-hour, [illegible] gardien to let me in. At last—reward for all [illegible] patientation for all anxiety—the door stealthily [illegible] the hinges, as if it were opened in a mysterious [illegible] quickly darted in. I was at once bold and [illegible] within the *penetralium*.

In many books of travel which I have [illegible] observed that the authors were invariably [illegible] "Rapt," when they first laid eyes on the [illegible] pilgrimage was tending. Some have been [illegible] the first glimpse of Rome, "the Niobe of [illegible] have been smitten with voiceless expectation [illegible] down the Brenta, the cry of "Venezia! Ve[illegible] and the City of the Sea opens on their [illegible] bowed their heads when Mecca met [illegible] were turbaned Hajjis); some have fallen [illegible] prayed, with tears, when from the rocky [illegible] overhang the city of David, they have [illegible] Sepulchre—it is a pity that the [illegible] one, each being exhibited as [illegible] when the mighty avalanche of [illegible] of Niagara, as if the [illegible]

[illegible] unlike any ideal of romance [illegible] of fair, [illegible] blemish of a red [illegible] spots, whereof matrons speak—extended [illegible] without much disfiguring [illegible] a broad, low forehead; [illegible] He had a bluff, yeoman-like [illegible] of country breeding—perfectly [illegible] of independence. I wondered how [illegible] been a bookseller, and in London [illegible] adapted to follow the deer and [illegible] than to have his free spirit [illegible] bars of city life.

[illegible] in the slightest degree embar[illegible] into his little place, he announced [illegible] ostentation, as owner of the shop, and [illegible] stock-in-trade consisted of the books I had [illegible] the inspection of the street passenger, [illegible] drawings. This portfolio he placed [illegible] it contained a great many illustrations [illegible] writings of Byron—I should say, [illegible] that had been published at [illegible] of his little room were covered [illegible] of the same character. There were [illegible] and on them he had [illegible] me some of the [illegible] and [illegible] to tell me, [illegible]



[illegible] the address, "Mr. Fletcher [illegible] where he was in [illegible] such ordinary little-[illegible]." [illegible] younger Fletcher contributed the [illegible] and temperament may often be [illegible] graphy of individuals. The writing was a [illegible] round-text—exactly such as might be looked for [illegible] Lucretia. I should have been greatly disappointed [illegible] thin, and wiry, and angular, like that of [illegible] Miss or a *petit maître*.

[illegible] this time, the rain had ceased, and with [illegible] disappointed as gratified, I was [illegible] my intention of purchasing [illegible] Fletcher contrived to raise some [illegible] hesitance. He feared that this work was [illegible] that the other was not quite perfect—that [illegible] sent to the binder. I saw, in short, that [illegible] unwilling to part with any of his stock-in-[illegible] promising to call again, I was departing, [illegible] soliciting future favours, he put one of his own [illegible]. I have carefully preserved it, and [illegible]

[illegible] After all his adventures by flood and field, [illegible] venerable Achates of the poet has now established himself as [illegible] publicans, in Charles street, Berkeley square, where, if [illegible] who knows any thing of his character will say he [illegible] *Byron*, *ed. edit.* p. 19. Unfortunately he did [illegible] through the Insolvent Debtor's Court, in June, [illegible] who sat on foot for him, under the [illegible] He died, in November, 1833, in [illegible]

recollect, however, that one verse was somewhat to this effect:—

> "And, when the Nation came to see
> What a great Reform there would be,
> They were as glad as any thing,
> And blessed the Queen and also the King."

Something in the same vein were verses which "a Composer of Poetry," at Aberdeen, named John Davidson, published on the same subject, at the same time:—

> "'Tis true we live in Aberdeen,
> A northern city cold;
> But that our hearts are true to him
> King Wil-li-am hath been told."

Mr. Fletcher, to eke out the sixteen pages of his publication, had added a few Miscellanies. I remember the opening stanza of a "Poem on Mr. Green's Balloon ascent, at Nottingham, in September, 1826." It is this:—

> "That moment was an awful hour
> To all in hall, in court, in bower,
> When up, in beauty, to the sky,
> Like a beautiful bird, the balloon did fly.
> In all my days I never seen
> A bolder man than Mr. Green.
> I wish he may have, with my praise,
> A happy end, and length of days."

To what Sterne called "the cant of criticism," I leave the smile at poor Fletcher's confounding the duration of a "moment" with an "hour." The same word-picking may decide how, except by poetic license, the adventurous aëronaut was first to have a "happy end," and then the boon of "length of days." The Composer certainly had not heard of the itinerant preacher who, when discoursing on the goodness of Providence, said—"But, my brethren, even Death itself,

[illegible] quite startling. He was a man [illegible] and great poetical genius, and yet [illegible] defect of judgment, he understood [illegible] the writings of Byron. I do not [illegible] author, but nobody could [illegible] and could appreciate the author of [illegible] if a diamond merchant should have [illegible] of gems possessed by others, yet [illegible] were stones of the first water! [illegible] it puzzles me."

"[illegible] shown," remarked our Irish friend, [illegible] things in earth and heaven than your philo[illegible] dreamed of. It would have rewarded your [illegible] found out this man, and ascertained the [illegible] made his judgment of other men's writings so [illegible] to his exaggerated estimate of his own. [illegible] appears remarkably curious. To think so [illegible] quite so wretchedly—to have lighted his lamp by [illegible] lustre of Byron's genius, and fed it with the [illegible] whole oil of his own mind—to have a true [illegible] what the greatest genius of our time has written [illegible] with egotistical satisfaction to the [illegible] own pen produced—these things show a peculiar [illegible] organization which it would have been [illegible] explained."

"I assure you," replied Butler, "that I [illegible] nor set down aught in malice,' respecting [illegible] of him as I found him—enthusiastically [illegible] of Byron, capable of delicately [illegible]

[illegible] distinguished men have [illegible] Artists and statesmen, [illegible] of letters and science—[illegible] have resorted thither; for the [illegible] abound in all professions, and the trout and [illegible] in the Derwent and the Wye are numerous [illegible] the cast the line. After the day's [illegible] tasks which are relaxations to [illegible] with grave and pressing thought—to [illegible] pleasant hospitality which "The Peacock" [illegible] pay (nor need the purse be very heavy [illegible] thought of rational enjoyment, and enviable [illegible] unfortunately, are in populous city pent, by [illegible] which admit of scanty holidays.

Nearly half-way between "The Peacock" at [illegible] the old town of Bakewell (built a thousand [illegible] Saxon King Edward), it is as well to turn [illegible] Haddon Hall. The rich pasturage of the [illegible] between the two places, and, in the [illegible] which abruptly rises from the Wye, stands [illegible] which, seen through the trees by which it is [illegible] appears to realise the idea which the mind [illegible] the ancient fortalices, in which the baron [illegible] the encroachments of the monarch, and from [illegible] hurled defiance at the kingly power. [illegible] time, those Vernons—whose wealth and power [illegible] to be called "Kings of the Peak"—lived [illegible] splendour. Here are still retained evidences [illegible] that manner in which these lords of the [illegible] home. But, in the imperishable pages of [illegible] made to live again, and the best idea [illegible] that can be obtained from personal [illegible]

[illegible] the ground in less than [illegible] by the winding margin of the Derwent, [illegible] "Palace of the Peak"—as it was [illegible] the appellation so well as it does [illegible] both places, the next day, [illegible] grandeur of the old baronial hall, with the [illegible] luxury and splendid palace. [illegible] the whole party started, soon after breakfast [illegible] which we examined with great pleasure [illegible] Returning to "The Peacock" at Rowsley [illegible] appetites, by means of an abundant luncheon [illegible] but not over-rated the goodness of the "[illegible] which were there supplied. [illegible] leaving our vehicles at Rowsley, we went [illegible] on foot, by the side of the Derwent—a charming [illegible] lands quite into Chatsworth Park. What [illegible] to describe what pen and pencil have so often [illegible] delineated!

The contrast between Haddon and Chatsworth [illegible] strikes every one, as a contrast between [illegible] Present. If the picturesque antiquity of [illegible] charming, not less pleasing is the modern [illegible] other. To me, Chatsworth was a familiar [illegible] often visited it—not only in the ordinary [illegible] of the usually expected douceur, but by invitation [illegible] Duchess of Kent was a guest, in company with [illegible] daughter, the then Princess Victoria. On that [illegible] state apartments had been thrown open as [illegible] they do through the whole length [illegible]

[illegible] We first [illegible] [illegible] garden, startling the [illegible] [illegible] place. We saw the play of the [illegible] [illegible] the upward spring of the fountain, [illegible] [illegible] the trees, and falling like shattered [illegible] [illegible] between the sunshine. We narrowly [illegible] [illegible] from the artificial willow-tree, which, [illegible] [illegible] of mischievous frolic is predominant, scattered [illegible] [illegible] drops from its hollow leaves and branches. [illegible] [illegible] the velvet and elastic sward of that rich [illegible] [illegible] fully appreciate the delicate truth and [illegible] [illegible] compliment spoken to a former Duke of [illegible] [illegible] Marshal Tallard (whom the great Marlborough [illegible] [illegible] at Blenheim), "that all the time he [illegible] [illegible]worth, he should not think of counting [illegible] [illegible]tivity in England."

[illegible]ttering back to "The Peacock," we [illegible] [illegible] too late an hour for an advanced sitting, [illegible] [illegible]ome with pleasant fatigue for any [illegible] [illegible]. So, deciding on having the morrow [illegible] [illegible] no story-telling that night, but [illegible] [illegible], thereon to hope for "rosy dreams and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], the river [illegible]

[illegible] to stillness [illegible]

[illegible] coming of the [illegible]

[illegible] the distance, and, now and then, [illegible]

[illegible] "Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" [illegible]

[illegible] like the essence of dreamy [illegible]

[illegible] in England (and on the [illegible]

[illegible]) a day which here is as close a [illegible]

[illegible] one within the tropics. Of course [illegible]

[illegible] thunder-storm, with [illegible]

[illegible]. There came, neither thunder [illegible]

[illegible]; we had nothing but [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] unlike the total mirth of yesterday [illegible]

[illegible] had a thousand voices—when [illegible]

[illegible] a delight from her starry [illegible]

[illegible] shall now charm to the [illegible]

[illegible] were wont to be silent were [illegible]

[illegible] excitement of the moment—when [illegible]

[illegible] in such wild profusion, that [illegible]

[illegible] balm, upon the hearts of the [illegible]

[illegible] ran through the veins with a [illegible]

[illegible] the every day stagnation of what we [illegible]

[illegible] crowned goblet of present Delight [illegible]

[illegible] and the nectareous draught gratified [illegible]

[illegible] *Now!*—the means of enjoyment [illegible]

[illegible] the sparkling spirit that had sparkled yesterday [illegible]

[illegible] was as much difference between yesterday [illegible]

[illegible] to-day's dullness, as between the [illegible]

[illegible] which the mariner loves, [illegible]

[illegible] delighted agonies to their destined [illegible]

[illegible] in the midst of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] considered, as the [illegible]

[illegible] stand, [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] said he, "that [illegible]

[illegible] the disease is, you yield to it [illegible]

effect of will enforce to deliver [illegible]

if you should happen to die now, [illegible]

justified in delivering a verdict of, "[illegible]

[illegible]! Play—walk—read—dance—[illegible]

[illegible]'s buff on this hot day, [illegible]

inhabitants of the Castle of Indolence. [illegible]

[illegible], the fresh air which continually [illegible]

[illegible] hills, and wonder how, in the [illegible]

[illegible], you could ever have per[illegible]

[illegible] think the day too warm for out-[illegible]

[illegible] have taken and managed to [illegible]

[illegible] mental excitement within doors, [illegible]

[illegible] the qui vive, without fatiguing [illegible]

The advice was excellent, but we [illegible]

[illegible] the instant, to know exactly how to [illegible]

"I do not hesitate to say," said [illegible]

[illegible] unreasonable. It yet wants [illegible]

and none of you appear to know how [illegible]

[illegible] before that welcome event comes [illegible]

[illegible] read—sketches you do not look [illegible]

[illegible]—skill at chess you care not to [illegible]

fashioned backgammon you will not [illegible]

[illegible] look, resume what we [illegible]

[illegible] day of our sojourn here! [illegible]

[illegible], and has been duly [illegible]

[illegible] to exclude the gay and the [illegible] with the help of [illegible] it was a very pleasant combination of [illegible] with some of the aids and appliances of [illegible] the ladies' comfort [illegible] Psyche had been brought down, and placed [illegible] companion—in the situation best adapted for [illegible] footpan. To this place the ladies were now duly [illegible] by the Major, that pleasure and honour being [illegible] him as the suggester of the *pied-à-terre*, which he dignified [illegible] the house, with the name of The Divan. Here, too, he [illegible] taken care to provide refreshments—fruit, wine, and [illegible] Here, also, he told us, he fancied that Lady Merton [illegible] blue sky in view, and as much fresh air about her [illegible] by any possibility be obtained, might be able to [illegible] promise, and indulge her friends with the expected [illegible]

The attentive kindness which had made all of [illegible] door arrangements, and so evidently for her [illegible] met with its reward in a very sweet smile, and [illegible] expressed herself quite ready to gratify us.

Promising that she was a lively, agreeable [illegible] quick and intelligent dark eyes, and pretty [illegible] concealing the whitest teeth I ever saw—that [illegible] though not what any one, except a lover, would [illegible] or even handsome, were strikingly *spirituelle*—that [illegible] was sweet as the song of a nightingale—and that [illegible] were yet very distant from the "certain age" [illegible] have a horror of approaching—it may be [illegible] were disposed to listen and be pleased [illegible] Inge, whose unwelcome presence had [illegible] banished from that moment.

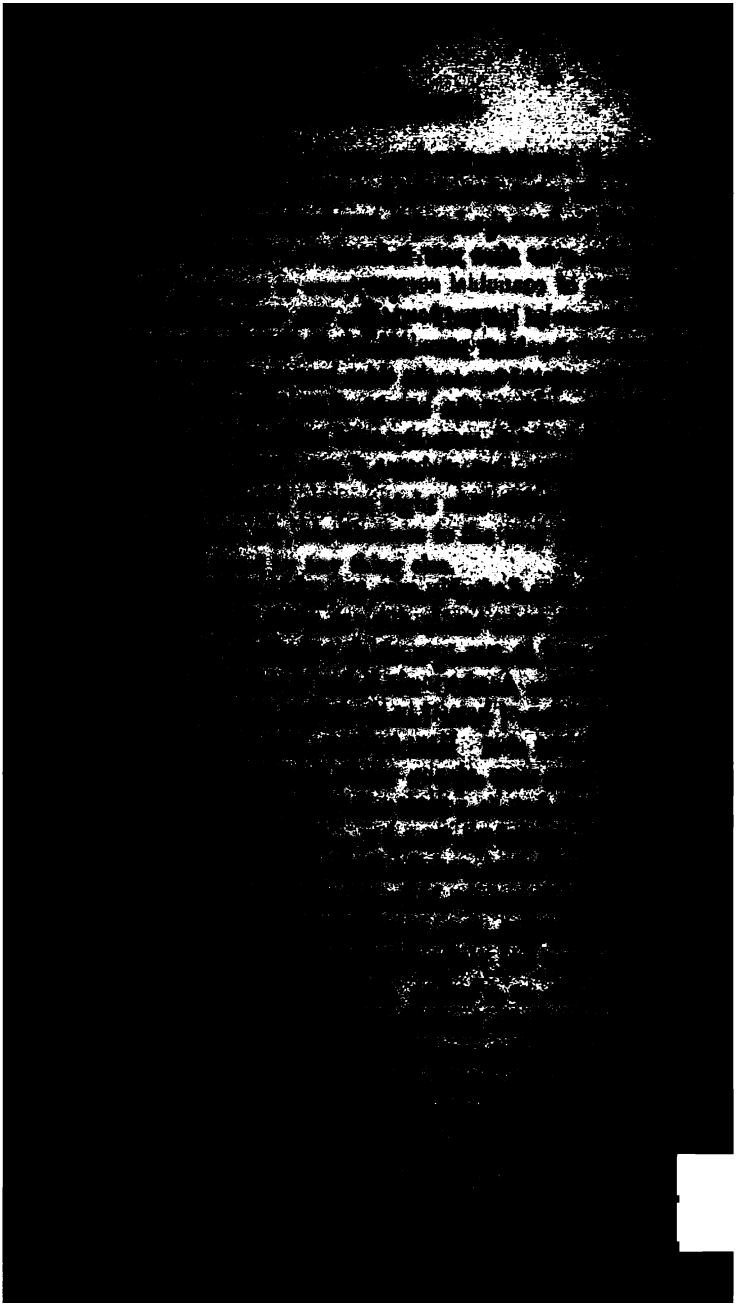
THE HEIRESS.

[illegible]! I have none. I can [illegible] I can boast of no hair-breadth [illegible] adventures. I have been a stay-at-home [illegible] days. I have led a calm, quiet, lady-like [illegible] positively nothing, worth my telling [illegible] hear it.

Besides, at what a disadvantage you [illegible] Nearly every body else has told a story; [illegible] of yours, cannot, as poor Desdemona said, [illegible] most lame and impotent conclusion." [illegible] me, and I will dance, play, sing, do [illegible] Instead of dissipating *ennui*, I shall [illegible] shake your heads and hold me to [illegible] be the penalty. Bear witness, each [illegible] warning full and fair.

If you *will* have a narrative, and, [illegible] I shall even give you a personal [illegible] matter-of-fact; no mystery, no horrors, no [illegible] and only dashed with the slightest [illegible] romance.

Fifteen years ago, I was just fifteen [illegible] but as yesterday. My father resided in [illegible] Derby, where he had a tolerable [illegible] hearted, willful-minded country [illegible] with a family of daughters [illegible]



[illegible] years after year, [illegible]
[illegible] of conubial cut[illegible] [illegible] only known *how* [illegible]
[illegible] pale or pressing [illegible]
[illegible] to go to the other [illegible]
[illegible] not the beauty of [illegible]
[illegible], for I may say, and without [illegible]
[illegible] ity, that plain as *I* am, I was [illegible]
[illegible] the family.

[illegible] Ladyship was not [illegible]
[illegible] she undoubtedly did not merit the [illegible]
[illegible], and it was one which nobody but [illegible]
[illegible] ventured. As she made it, her eyes [illegible]
[illegible] reflection of herself in the mirror [illegible]
[illegible] which she sat. Her auditors noted [illegible]
[illegible]. The stern glance which showed [illegible]
[illegible] allowed her to perceive the eager gaze [illegible]
[illegible] the Major fixed upon her. At this [illegible]
[illegible] cheek blushed, and the dark eye bright[illegible]
[illegible] almost lovely—and she knew it! So, she felt [illegible]
[illegible] that admiring gaze might be forgiven [illegible]
Woman ever feel really angry at homage [illegible]
charms? To us who, on the principle of [illegible]
seeing more of the game than the players, [illegible]
[illegible] overlooking the moves, and noting [illegible]
[illegible] pretty certain that the lady was [illegible]
[illegible]" to the Major—and it seemed as [illegible]
[illegible] suit if, with the slightest possible [illegible]

[illegible] have been the [illegible]
they have vegetated very [illegible]
[illegible] the people [illegible]
[illegible] have not, poor [illegible]
[illegible] my mother were [illegible]
[illegible] I can be the true [illegible]
[illegible]. I was the eldest, and [illegible]
[illegible] all the rest had been [illegible]
[illegible] fathers, I was yet such a mere child [illegible]
[illegible] that matrimony was a good [illegible]
[illegible] it look, my steps were [illegible]
[illegible] I was the youngling of the flock, [illegible]
[illegible] bidden, in the hope of being the [illegible]
[illegible] or. Perhaps my youth could [illegible]
[illegible] to my settlement in life [illegible]
[illegible] I. If my mother had not [illegible]
[illegible] sorrow, for I very dearly loved her. [illegible]
[illegible] things at home, and I was [illegible]
[illegible] Derby, until further orders. [illegible]
[illegible] knew very little of Sir Edward [illegible]
[illegible] relative to whom my father intended that [illegible]
[illegible], to carry out the principle of [illegible]
[illegible] was very old, very rich, and very [illegible]
[illegible] announcement of my mother's death [illegible]
[illegible] condolence, courteous, kind, and [illegible]
[illegible] particular information [illegible]
[illegible] of our family, and intimated [illegible]
[illegible] kin in blood, we should [illegible]
[illegible] together in the [illegible]

that this greatly relieved his mind, by giving him the assurance that the union would be a happy one. The gentleman quite forgot that neither of the contracted parties had yet seen the other. But in a family compact of this kind, there is little consideration for the feelings or affections—it is simply a matter of convenience, and seldom an affair of the heart.

I usually have a good memory—yet I now forget what reply I gave to this matrimonial proposal. Perhaps I gave none—perhaps none was expected—perhaps I did not then quite comprehend what he told me. At any rate, the affair was considered as fixed, and I was sent back to school, a betrothed damsel, loaded with presents.

A few months later, I was suddenly summoned home. My father was on his death-bed, and I arrived in time to see him die, and receive his blessing. Although he was rather a negative character in society, as a man, I had ever found him a kind and affectionate parent, and the tears which I shed for him were neither few nor unmerited.

On his will being read, it appeared that he had annually laid by a considerable portion of his income, and this accumulation, divided among my sisters, was some consolation to them for the remaining provisions of the bequest, which were to the effect that, by mutual agreement between Sir Edward Morton and my father, it had been determined that Henry Morton should become the husband of Isabella Charlton—that he should tender his hand to me within one year after his father's death—and, that, in the event of either party neglecting, or declining to make, or accept such offer matrimonial, the united estates were to become the sole property of the other. If the gentleman neglected or declined to become my suitor, he was to be cut off with an annuity of £300 a year. If the negative came from me, I was to have

the same amount for my yearly income. To prevent the possibility of any thing like a compromise, there was a proviso by which one party was prohibited from adding any thing to the income of the other. All this would have been of little use in a mere will, for it was clear that my father could not legally control the manner in which Sir Edward Morton might choose to dispose of his own property, but there had been a bond between the two parties, by which, under heavy penalties of forfeiture, the compact was firmly made. Very soon after this, Sir Edward Morton also died, and *his* 'last will and testament,' was found to correspond, in these essential parts, with that of my father. Intent on the fulfilment of their wishes, they had taken care to provide for it by all that the law could render most binding. In their eyes, the union of the estates was all important—for the union of hearts they had made no provision.

Here, then, was I, at the age of sixteen, conditionally an heiress, and conditionally betrothed. I was engaged to a man whom I had never seen, but if he had the manly option of asking me to be his wife, I had the feminine power, on the other hand, of saying "no."

Sir Henry Morton speedily returned to England, and was little pleased to find on what conditions, and with what a prospective burthen, his parental estates were transmitted to him. For my own part, I was not in the least surprised at learning, as I afterwards did, that he took legal advice upon his father's will. I am so little of a lawyer, that I may, probably, make a confusion of terms, but I believe that, some short time before he quitted England on his Continental tour, he had joined in what is called "docking the entail," a process by which, if I am not misinformed, he gave his father the power to alienate the landed property as he pleased. He was in no very pleasant dilemma. His legal advisers told

[illegible]

[illegible] to dolly me! He had [illegible] there, until now, that such a being [illegible] feelings were romantic—his mind was [illegible] silly hands, and it, therefore, is not [illegible] fancy of being wedded "par ordre," [illegible] life. He did not attempt to conceal his [illegible] though one friend or another, I was not long [illegible] the avowed intention of not soliciting my [illegible] without—not to let me have the credit [illegible] affecting him. I do not think that, after all, [illegible] much displeased as I ought to have been with [illegible] the young baronet's spirit. I am confident that [illegible] heartily despised him, had he made up his [illegible] the act would have done, to take the [illegible] the incumbrance. From the moment I [illegible] he would see me only once, to tell me [illegible] become my suitor, he rose rapidly in my [illegible]

The singular provisions of the two [illegible] discussed, and, as it was rumored that she [illegible] large fortune, the little brunette, who had [illegible] Le Plaisir's "establishment," for twelve [illegible] attracting any attention, became the "[illegible] ing eyes," all at once—that is, as much [illegible] well could be. As if by a miracle, it was [illegible] had bright eyes—that my figure was [illegible] manners were refined—in a word that [illegible] ditional heiress! Such attentions as [illegible] turned a wiser and an older head than [illegible] very young, I distrusted this [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] would never to say anything [illegible] the [illegible] a very insinuating [illegible] implication and by inference: "[illegible] dislike," in the most adroit [illegible] obloquy, with [illegible] making a deed set [illegible] have induced a generous mind to champion [illegible] contrived to let it be understood that [illegible] backward, and imperfectly educated.

[illegible] Smith, only sister of the adventurer, [illegible] half-pupil, half-governess, in Madame Le [illegible] Young Ladies." She was a [illegible] girl—exactly such an one as might easily [illegible] confidante in love or politics. She was [illegible] and, some time before I had [illegible] with a fancy to me, and had treated me [illegible] and disinterested kindness, for which I was [illegible] there so, I suppose, because such attentions [illegible] time and place. When, from the mere [illegible] fortune elevated me into a sort of [illegible] pretensions, every one seemed anxious to [illegible] turned a deaf ear to their blandishments, [illegible] I fear; and my only school-friend was [illegible] been kind to me when no interested motive [illegible] tested her. Accordingly we were [illegible] petticoats.

In this, she had a great advantage [illegible] nearly ten years my senior; and [illegible] position in the school, I had been [illegible] her with a strong degree of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] Smith. But the footing had [illegible] of the adventure. They believed [illegible] quite my very difficult management [illegible] spectator. This done, the Captain [illegible] obtain my hand for himself, and [illegible] that, my friend Amelia also. The man had [illegible] fairer beside his appearance and [illegible] attachment would have been the influence upon [illegible] exercised by his sister. It was unseen [illegible] strong though secret. It is probable that [illegible] fully crowned their scheming, but for a [illegible] which they had not calculated. [illegible] You may recollect my mentioning [illegible] the double wills, that Sir Henry Montague [illegible] within twelve months after his father's [illegible] had now so very nearly elapsed, that my [illegible] no doubt that the marriage would take place [illegible] ment for me, thinking that Sir Henry might [illegible] and win his bride under the surveillance [illegible] better mince of a boarding-school. The [illegible] me so very suddenly, and my removal [illegible] promptly, that, my dear Marian Smith [illegible] sent, I had no opportunity of taking [illegible] My uncle, who was one of my [illegible] our of coming for me, and taking [illegible] He was a plain-spoken gentleman, [illegible] very facetious, and that my [illegible] enjoy unequivocal exhibitions [illegible] He therefore managed to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in due course, to make up [illegible] lost wounded, and s[illegible] in due season." [illegible] those irreprehensible impulses [illegible] which yesterday influenced my [illegible] children, I had been persuaded, and [illegible] that I cared so little for Sir Henry, [illegible] as if I would give all the world to [illegible] forever. My aunt saw, by the [illegible] [illegible] that something like a heart [illegible] [illegible] and she frankly told me that though [illegible] my confidence, she hoped and believed that [illegible] [illegible] some good might be the result. "I [illegible] said she, "but I think that if I had, I could not [illegible] about her, than I am about [illegible] [illegible] my arms around her neck, and [illegible] [illegible] than Sir Henry. Let me judge of him [illegible] I have long promised to spend a month with [illegible] [illegible] go at once, under another name, so that [illegible] [illegible] there, he may find me one of the [illegible] [illegible] my acquaintance, without his knowing [illegible] [illegible] I am."

"My dear child," said my aunt, [illegible] play the part of Miss Hardcastle, in the [illegible] 'Stoops to Conquer.' The idea is romantic [illegible] result. If you fail, and there is every chance [illegible] you are lost. Yet I would like to [illegible] [illegible] you have no ordinary [illegible] [illegible] something may be risked. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

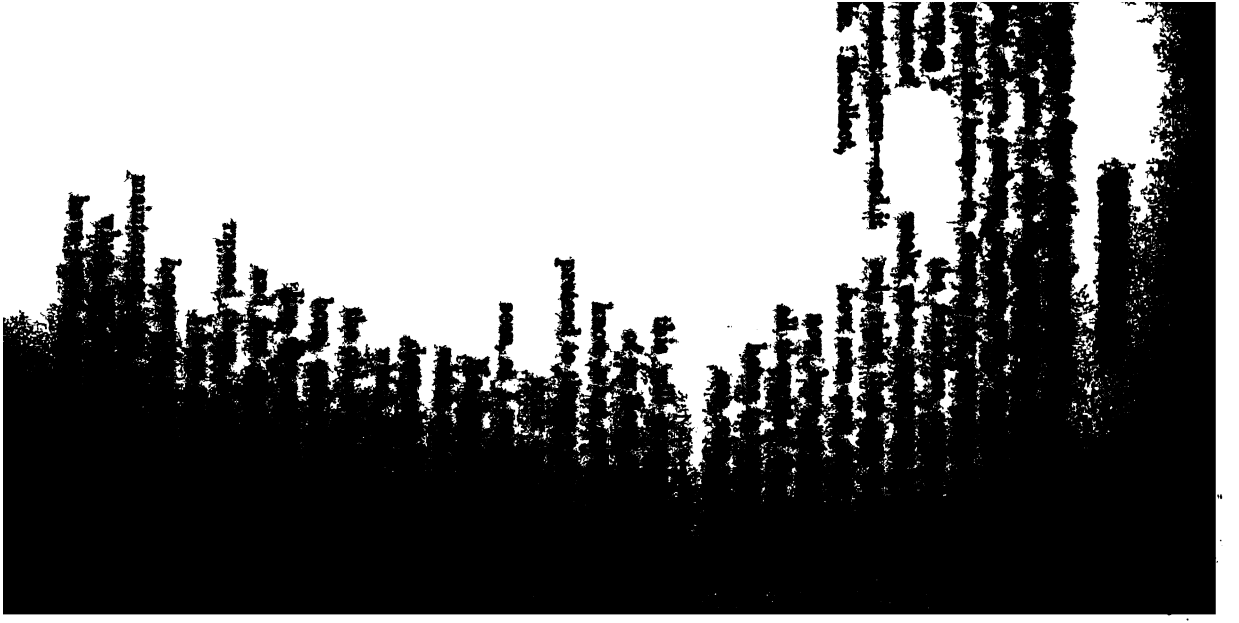
[illegible] he been [illegible] at least equaled them [illegible] taste. His knowledge of books had been [illegible] by his knowledge of life. [illegible] days upon him; he had not only seen, but [illegible] distributed. He appeared at home on every [illegible] occasions he was led to exhibit his [illegible] under it. He was entirely free from [illegible] dressed with taste. His personal attractions [illegible] time, should be taken as the smallest [illegible] unbiased manner, the thoughtfulness that rested [illegible] in the depth of his dark eyes, the [illegible] the earnest eloquence of his words, [illegible] all made him an acquaintance [illegible] which we fancy not have been love at first [illegible] something very like it.

[illegible] considered me, as he was told, a [illegible] girl visiting at his cousin's, [illegible] own. He very soon laid aside [illegible] he met a stranger, and we became good [illegible] of time. His melancholy sometimes [illegible] he listened to the lively sallies which [illegible] knew not how, while my actual [illegible] spirits were as high as [illegible] rather, we talked together, we read [illegible] the flush on his cheek, and the [illegible] deepening tenderness of his voice, [illegible] made me suspect that my task was [illegible] mentioned my own foolish [illegible] formed a friend, even if I had [illegible] At last came the time to part, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] You will forget this [illegible]
[illegible] a few hasty words [illegible]
[illegible] forgiveness—and it is only [illegible]
[illegible] Recollect, Sir Henry, how [illegible]
[illegible] the devotion which you now [illegible]
[illegible] this place, and with it leave all [illegible]
[illegible] memory, sometimes—and go home [illegible]
[illegible] father willed it, the husband of [illegible]
[illegible] myself, has a claim to the right."

"By Heaven!" he exclaimed, "this [illegible]
[illegible] right had my father to dispose of [illegible]
[illegible] free choice! how could he know [illegible]
[illegible] of a wife! how could he pretend to [illegible]
[illegible] warm and gushing feelings! Did he [illegible]
[illegible] to a wife whom I had never seen, [illegible]
[illegible], a hunter, a house, or an estate! [illegible]
[illegible] of this choice take the broad lands [illegible]
[illegible] the point of the sword in the olden [illegible]
[illegible] possessor of the stately ancestral [illegible]
[illegible] thousand years ago—let her take the [illegible]
[illegible] generations of them were born [illegible]
[illegible]—let the heir of an ancient [illegible]
that he may cherish the pure and [illegible]
[illegible] into his heart, and ripened [illegible]
[illegible] woman whom I do not love—whom [illegible]
The world is wide enough for [illegible]
[illegible] remain for simple maintenance [illegible]
[illegible] unhallowed compact which [illegible]
[illegible], and I can toil—I have [illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] "I [illegible] account of you as that which you have given [illegible] or not," said he with a look and [illegible] for, or you. I cannot pretend to repeat [illegible] sentiments respecting you, which have [illegible] attachment to her, nor am I quite sure, [illegible] that you would patiently hear their reproaches [illegible] were to the effect that you [illegible] impertinent in fashion, a coxcomb in [illegible] character."

"Heavens!" he cried, "what [illegible] how [illegible]. Surely you do not [illegible] I abhor. The character of a *rouè*, I [illegible] that of a gentleman. For my [illegible] ments, they are—what you see and know."

He drew himself up with some [illegible] reply. I kept silence, and the [illegible] information respecting the lady [illegible] "My informant—"

"Was Captain Smith, whose sister [illegible] Charlton, so it is likely that the [illegible] mutual, and for a special purpose."

"If I thought so—"

"You would throw yourself at [illegible] be her *preux chevalier* for [illegible] look tenderly into her [illegible] Benedict—and, with all [illegible]

[illegible] the latter was in the [illegible]
[illegible] doubt *would* creep [illegible]
[illegible] fastidious feelings might [illegible]
[illegible] had been using. His own [illegible]
[illegible], had little toleration for [illegible]
[illegible] when hearts were [illegible]
[illegible] a bold game?

[illegible]termined that the Library should [illegible]
[illegible]," said, to maintain my character [illegible]
[illegible] drawings, mathematical [illegible]
[illegible] in most admired confusion. [illegible]
[illegible]lumber" from the shelves [illegible]
[illegible] immediately before my [illegible]
[illegible] was also visible—a variety of [illegible]
[illegible], to indicate my botanical [illegible]
[illegible]ment was in a state of [illegible]
[illegible]trengthen the impression that he [illegible]
[illegible]formed men heartily hate—a [illegible]

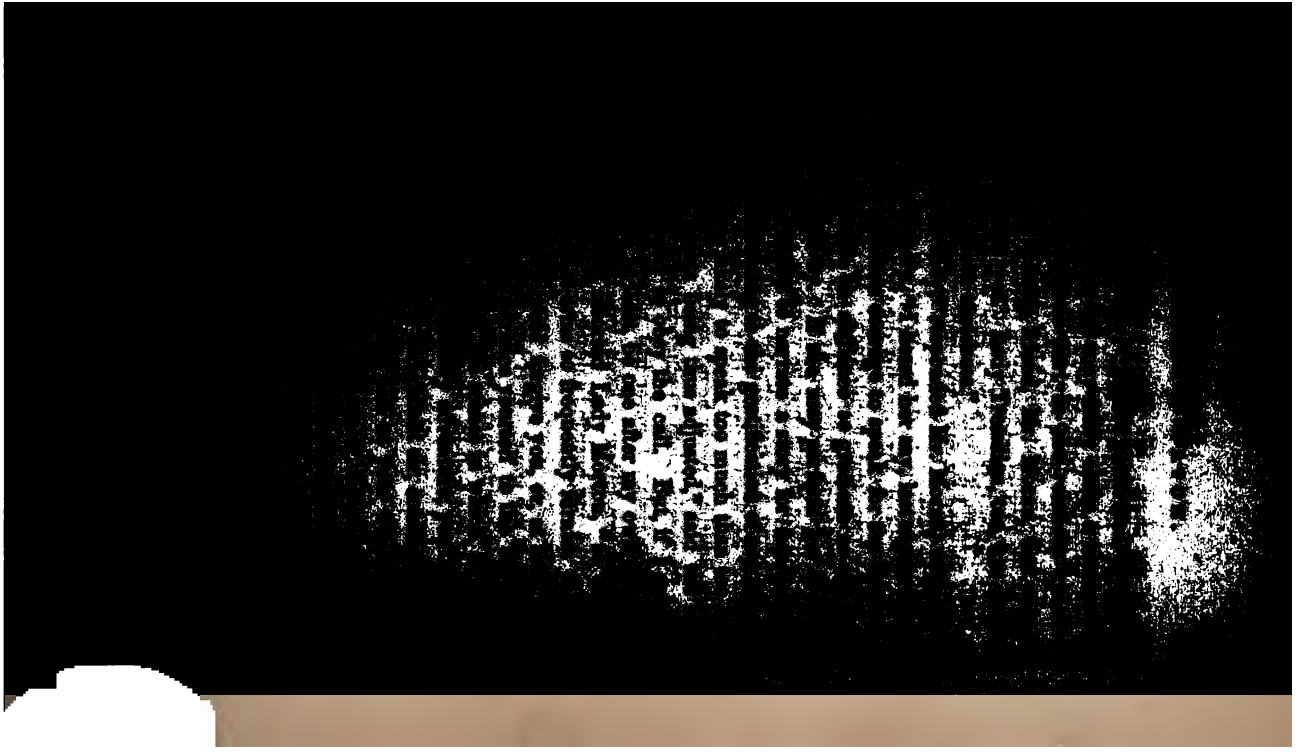
The morning advanced—[illegible]
[illegible]ough, Sir Henry [illegible]
[illegible] as he p[illegible]

back in my chair. Sir Henry hastily arose, and threw open the window, to give me fresh air. His touch revived me. He had admitted light as well as air, and the cap which I wore had fallen off. Could he trust his sight? Was he awake or dreaming? Conviction flashed across his mind as my Aunt entered the room. Her smile told him all. He earnestly pleaded for my hand, and, you may be sure, he did not plead in vain.

What followed may readily be imagined—explanations, and confessions, and wonderings. My Uncle had already provided a special license. My Aunt had taken care that a bridal wardrobe should not be wanting. There was no difficulty in finding a clergyman, and so, as all comedies end with a wedding, we were married that evening.

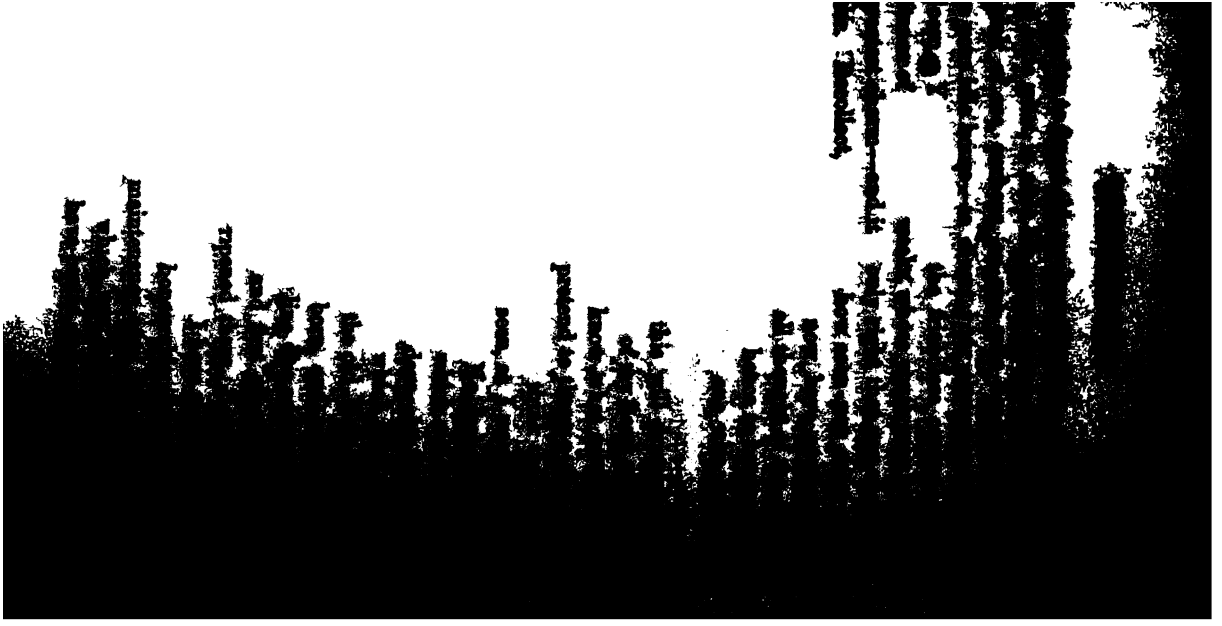
Of the Smiths, I never heard again. I never inquired after them. As a wife, I had as much happiness as usually falls to the lot of mortals. I never had reason to repent of the success of my experiment. Even yet, though five years have elapsed since my husband's death, I cherish the memory of his affection.

Here ends my story. If it has been dull—do me the justice of remembering that I warned you, at its commencement, that it could not well be otherwise.



[illegible] and apparently [illegible]
[illegible] contrivance, [illegible]
[illegible] that the dial-plate would [illegible]
[illegible] and exhibit movable figures of [illegible]
[illegible] Ladies, which performed various [illegible]
[illegible] hour. Then, it could go for a great length of [illegible]
[illegible] being wound in the usual manner, [illegible]
[illegible] movement in the works which wound [illegible]
[illegible] side, so that as it went down on [illegible]
[illegible] to half extra works which played [illegible]
[illegible] Altogether, it was custom in [illegible]
[illegible] of our account of that curiosity. When it [illegible]
[illegible] a free examination, we this heard its [illegible]

[illegible] I shall [illegible] of the [illegible] Blacey, quite as much [illegible] how most of us were [illegible] with a great many other [illegible] suggest a variety of [illegible] as novelists are fond of [illegible] by my being in [illegible] the incidents of the voyage were [illegible] day from our leaving England [illegible] and as we were sailing [illegible] see and hear the firing at the [illegible] days after, having landed at Peniche [illegible] on the field of battle. The [illegible] (to the great disappointment of the [illegible] expected to see a Marshal of France [illegible] arrive as prisoners at Spithead [illegible] of the first brigade, were [illegible] six miles from Lisbon. Here we [illegible] thenceforward, as our regiment [illegible] guard of the reserve, we were [illegible] the ill-treatment of the French [illegible] of Corunna — the death [illegible] the return to England, after an absence [illegible] three months later, the 78th [illegible] dition to Walcheren. Fortunately [illegible] having remained with one com[illegible] had been left behind in hospital [illegible] recovery, this company [illegible] detachments, [illegible] of the 78th [illegible] always to [illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] my [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] entertained that [illegible]

[illegible] General Latouche-Tréville [illegible]

[illegible] in imparting my good [illegible]

[illegible] me to keep my patron [illegible]

[illegible] to his remaining in my [illegible]

[illegible] gratitude on his part [illegible]

[illegible] offerings, soon united General [illegible]

[illegible] friendship. In time, giving [illegible]

[illegible] that I had preserved [illegible]

[illegible] his Imperial master's ambition [illegible]

[illegible] at variance with his own [illegible]

[illegible] anxious to embrace the first [illegible]

[illegible] the service, and, anticipating [illegible]

[illegible] Napoleon, had secretly [illegible]

[illegible] property into bills on America, the [illegible]

[illegible] person when my opportune [illegible]

[illegible] being forcibly taken away from him [illegible]

[illegible] had already sent to the United [illegible]

[illegible] of the campaign in Spain [illegible]

[illegible] born by birth, he had a [illegible]

[illegible] his own resolution was to [illegible]

[illegible] with honour, and [illegible]

[illegible] would [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] questions [illegible] which have to [illegible] effect only [illegible] the officers [illegible] but [illegible] to the [illegible] in which [illegible] occupied by the officers [illegible] paid pretty fairly for what was [illegible] point on which Lord Wellington [illegible] temptation to use this wine, whether [illegible] but at hand to dispose of it by [illegible] accordingly, the men took it very [illegible] occasion, the officers of our light [illegible] other officers to a wine-party, but [illegible] wine greater than we anticipated [illegible] stock of wine for the evening [illegible] lieutenants, officiating as cellar-men [illegible] the room beneath, for a fresh supply [illegible] agreed, after a good deal of critical [illegible] that the wine from that particular [illegible] that they had drank for a long time [illegible] neglect, being that it was not [illegible] only got, but, to use the professional [illegible] The young officer turned the cock [illegible] guessed that the cask was [illegible] a few hours before, and [illegible] have had access to the [illegible] abundant supply. We [illegible] many bottles through [illegible]

a discovery which, rather than break in upon the hilarious enjoyment of the party, we kept to ourselves until the next day: we found that the obstacle in the wine-vat was a British drummer, in full regimentals—pack, haversack, and all—floating in the wine. He had been missing for some days, and there was a suspicion that he had deserted. He had probably gone to the vat to fish up some wine (for his pitcher was found attached to his hand by a bit of string), and, losing his balance, had fallen through the trap in the cover. For a long time, we used to speak of the excellence of our "Drummer Wine"—and though the officers declined taking any more of it, the men gave Christian burial to the drowned drummer, and made no scruple in drinking the remainder of the liquor, continuing enthusiastic in praise of its superiority, years after the incident occurred.

When the campaign concluded, we returned home, and landed at the Cove of Cork, early in July, 1814. By this time, I was in the list of Captains, and though I had received several wounds, had fortunately escaped all material injury. I need scarcely say how grateful Irish hospitality was to us after the hardships we had encountered. My watch and myself were in equal request. One of my friends had boasted that, with my own hand, I had captured one of Napoleon's Generals, who had presented me with a wonderful combination of mechanical contrivances in the shape of a watch, which did all but speak, and I was compelled, at least a dozen times every evening, to produce the watch, to strike the repeater, to make the dial open, to exhibit the moving figures, and make the musical works play *Henri Quatre.*

It is impossible to say whether the machinery or my own patience would first have been worn out, if the escape of Napoleon from Elba, and its consequences, had not again called the 28th into active service—just at the moment, too, when

it was *en route* for Bermuda. On reaching the Netherlands, we formed part of the Fighting Division, under Sir Thomas Picton.

The inhabitants of Brussels treated us very kindly; but there came constant rumours of Napoleon's advance with an overpowering force; and it was clear that the citizens would have been glad if the British troops were any where at that time, but with them. Wellington had accepted an invitation to a very brilliant ball from the Duchess of Richmond's at Brussels, on the evening of the 15th of June, to which a great many of the English officers were invited. Unwilling to alarm the inhabitants, the Duke of Wellington, who had received certain information that the Prussians could not successfully resist the French, quietly sent orders through the cantonments, that the troops should be in readiness to concentrate at Quatre Bras; at the same time, he determined to attend the ball himself, with his officers, which he did, with his usual calmness and coolness, and thus prevented the suspicion of peril being so near. At this ball his Grace received intelligence of the actual commencement of hostilities by Napoleon.

I was one of the company at the ball, and, quietly retired, with the rest, hurrying to quarters to change my full dress for equipments better suited to the hard service of war. This done, I hastened to the Park, where my regiment was already mustering under arms. As we were momently expecting orders to march, my friend, Charles Teulon, asked me what was the hour. I felt for my watch—*the* watch—but it was gone! I remembered having left it on the table when I was changing my dress, and could not be dessuaded even at the risk of being absent from my men when the order to march should be given, from hastily returning to my quarters, in search of my treasure. It was gone. Search was in vain;

and, running back to the Park, I was barely in time to accompany my regiment, which had just received Picton's orders to advance.

It is not necessary to fatigue you with details of Wellington's action at Quatre Bras, with Ney, on that very day. On the 17th there was no fighting. Both armies were preparing for the encounter on the 18th of June. Wellington fell back on Waterloo. There, as at Quatre Bras, we had to repel the furious charges of the enemy, and doggedly maintain our position until the close of the day.

It was about eight o'clock on the evening of "the day of Waterloo," that a group of officers, of whom I was one, stood beneath the tree close to which Picton had fallen. One of them, a brave fellow, named Clarke, said to me, "Ah, Shelton, we have escaped this time!" I replied that we had, to my surprise, as I never yet had been in a pitched engagement, without receiving some wound. While I was speaking, a shell (certainly one of the last fired on that field) fell, and burst among us. One of the splinters wounded Clarke so mortally, that he died at Brussels, three days after. My own right arm was shattered.

Some days after the battle, I found myself in a house at Brussels, carefully and kindly attended. I fancied, as I lay in a state between sleep and watchfulness, that I saw General Laroche bending over me. Nor was I mistaken. It was himself, indeed. I was beneath his roof, and there I remained till my wound was nearly healed.

He told me that after Napoleon's first abdication, his heart yearned for his country, and that he had returned from America, with his family. In the unsettled state of France, at and after the Restoration, he deemed it politic to join neither party, and had taken up his residence at Brussels. There he had lived for some months, in comparative seclusion, with his

[illegible]

[illegible] anxious chance—I [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] the name of my introduction to his [illegible] Lagunilla, and the officer who had [illegible] of Talavera. You may be sure that [illegible] the grateful expression of thanks which [illegible] conveyed to me by word, look, and [illegible] and treated me rather as a peer, and [illegible] strangers in blood, language, and country. [illegible] had been two months in Lagunilla's [illegible] strangers courage to announce the loss of his [illegible] which had been doubly valuable to [illegible] claims connected with it. At length, [illegible] subject was introduced by himself. "[illegible] match with you," said he, "may I [illegible] transferred to the safe custody of a [illegible] parted from you in Spain, here [illegible] then glory!" I told him how I had [illegible] said he, "as your English proverb [illegible] to go." I must own that I am [illegible] myself from the Empress Josephine [illegible] server of my life would I have given [illegible] but the fortune of war. We [illegible] "This time," said Madame La[illegible] it. "Were mine," and here she [illegible] I shall lend it to you until [illegible] There is little prospect of [illegible] smiling, "I am [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1866 [illegible] 1866 [illegible] 1866 [

[illegible]

[illegible] my three years of [illegible]

[illegible] the matter); [illegible]

[illegible] to me, the Major-Portion [illegible]

[illegible] three years—and that I should [illegible]

[illegible] within five minutes of the [illegible]

[illegible] the place where I had found my [illegible]

[illegible] went to the shop, purchased [illegible]

[illegible] a pretext for looking at the [illegible]

[illegible] came back with the instrument [illegible]

[illegible] than my own.

I was acquainted with Sir Richard [illegible]

[illegible], and going to him at Bow-Street, [illegible]

[illegible] my best plan would be to purchase [illegible]

could not help me to it, without money, [illegible]

years. I went back, therefore, told [illegible]

I had lost it, and was so fortunate as [illegible]

twenty pounds, which I paid with [illegible]

Then, after some curious adventures [illegible]

Within forty-eight hours, I was [illegible]

General Laroche, at Brussels. I [illegible]

tell my story on *that* day—[illegible]

versary of the contest at Waterloo, [illegible]

revived me, wounded, unconscious [illegible]

was even so ungallant as not to [illegible]

she inquired whether I had [illegible]

Next evening came the [illegible]

[illegible], Laroche [illegible]

I did not look, and [illegible]

[illegible] eyes met. I [illegible]

"What [illegible]

[illegible] lay upon the table [illegible] the commencement of the story, [illegible] turned, and examined by all [illegible] unceremoniously. "It is [illegible] "for a gentleman [illegible] much of the *petit-maître* in a man [illegible] such an ornament [illegible]

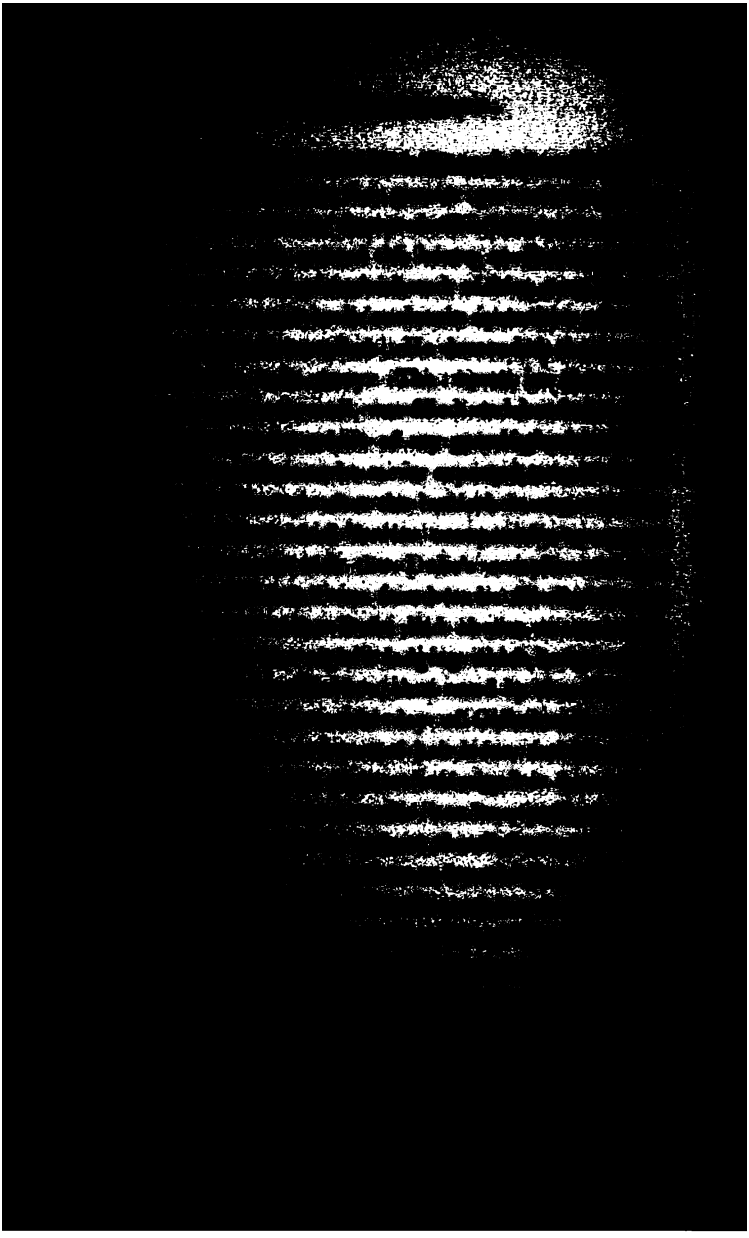
"You will recollect [illegible] made for, and worn by [illegible]

"I would prize it more," [illegible] Madame L[illegible] to another."

There was encouragement [illegible] said I did not hear [illegible] between them and the rest [illegible] become an involuntary [illegible]

[illegible] such a guest [illegible]
[illegible] to enquire [illegible]
[illegible] to evade the enquiry, [illegible]
[illegible] that he confined to having [illegible]
[illegible] that in a week he had [illegible]
[illegible] to their habitation, [illegible]
[illegible] Highlanders, by the red-coat [illegible]
[illegible] dynasty, clearly intimated the [illegible]
[illegible] My father was himself a [illegible]
[illegible] the head of our clan had [illegible]
[illegible], and had narrowly escaped with [illegible]
[illegible] participation in the Rebellion [illegible]
[illegible] 'I saw also, my Isabella, that [illegible]
[illegible] Royal leader under our roof this [illegible]
[illegible] The Prince, and it behoved [illegible]
preparation for him.' In Scotland, [illegible]
motto was to hear and to obey, and [illegible]
to, hastened to put her house in [illegible]
the reception of the visioned guest [illegible]
midnight, the tramp of cavalry [illegible]
[illegible] near—nearer. The house [illegible]
[illegible]. A loud knocking brought [illegible]
[illegible] as a claimant on their [illegible]
was a Royal leader, but not [illegible]
Instead of bonny Prince Charlie, [illegible]
land, then a strong, stout, active [illegible]
years old, on that very day."

"A [illegible] advent," [illegible]
[illegible]!"



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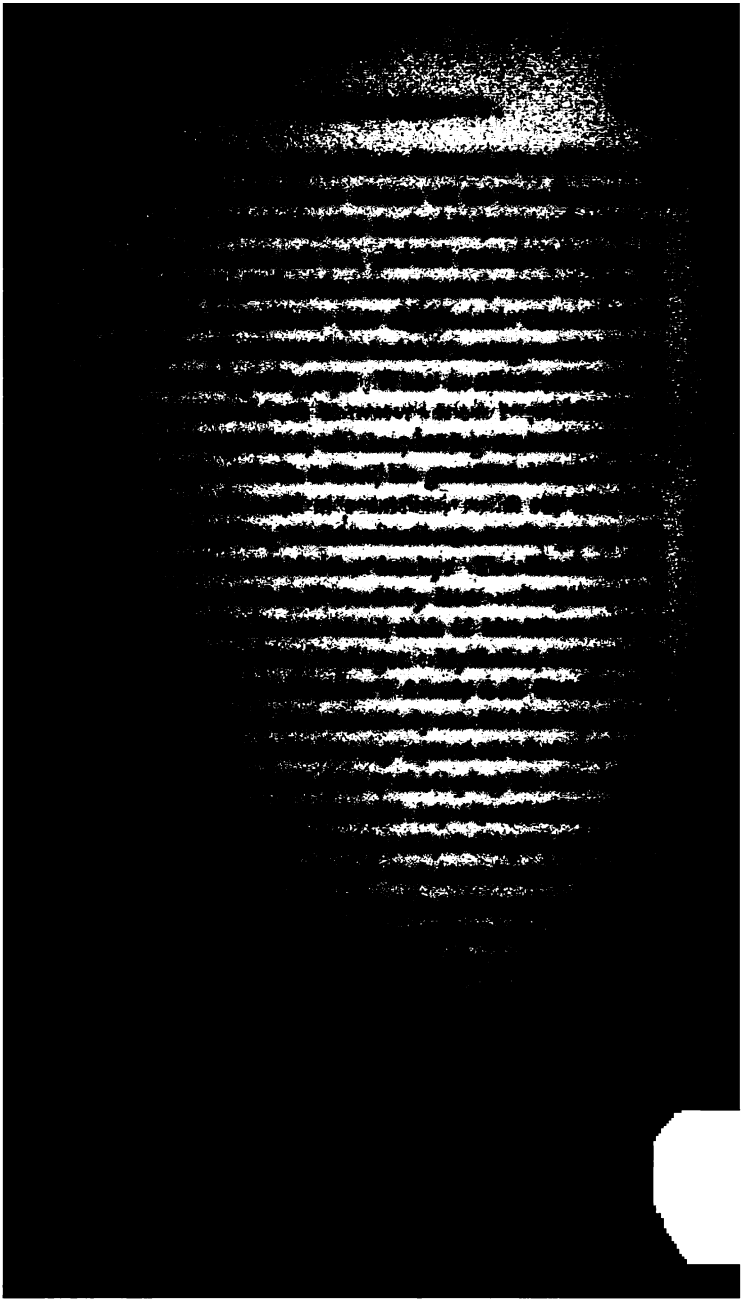


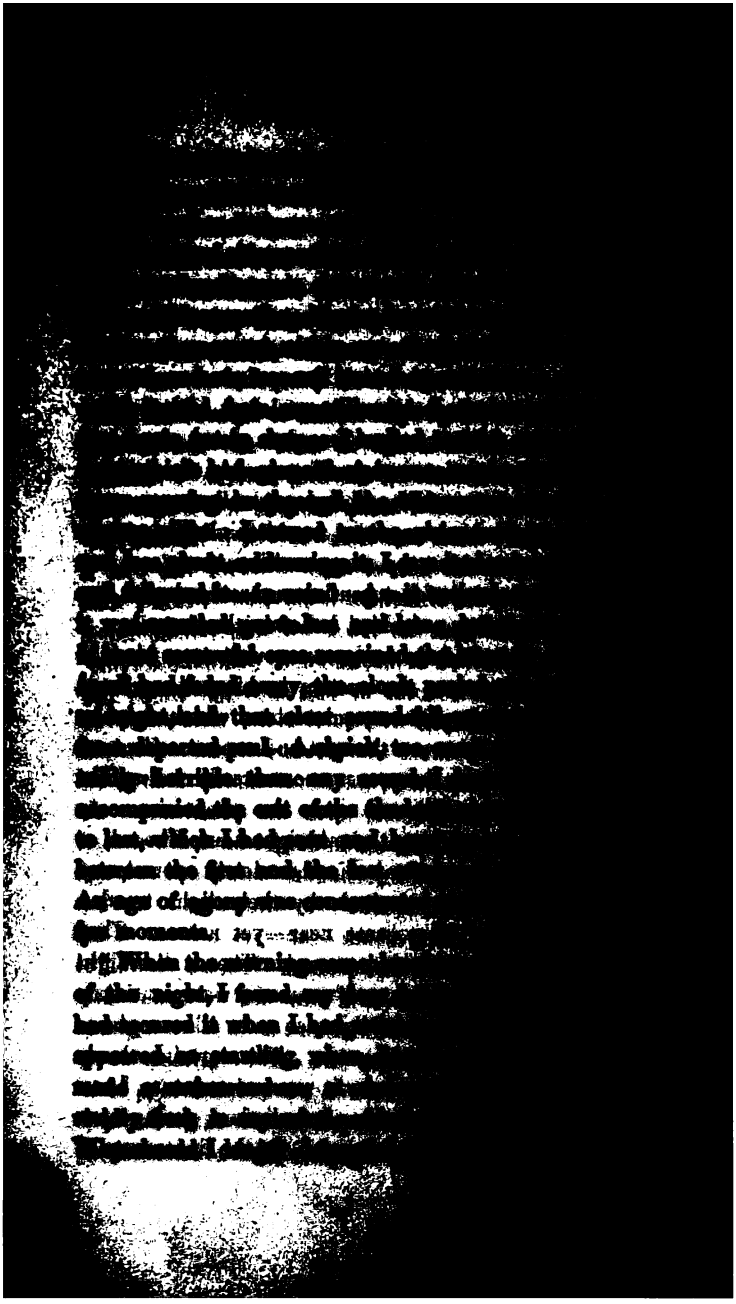
[illegible]

[illegible] the morning, the happy [illegible]
last union, and remembered [illegible]
noticed that my grandfather [illegible]
daughters went to spinning [illegible]
story? She found him [illegible]
by the happy [illegible]
[illegible] with joy [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I could not resist the [illegible] of whispering [illegible] thought he [illegible] hoped I would not be [illegible] things. But on the third day after [illegible] my father had died; at the [illegible] what I believed to be his actual [illegible] by a sudden ailment, which [illegible] death. Why this should have [illegible] quietly as I am now telling it [illegible] captain. I only relate a simple [illegible] things, our circumstances [illegible] differ a little of some [illegible] premeditation in what I had [illegible] what other occasions he had [illegible]

The second, and only other [illegible] long after, when I was in [illegible] account for the impulse [illegible] fully, with a stranger, on a [illegible] can if you do not believe, you [illegible] and the overcharged mind [illegible] supposing the supposition [illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] years ago" [illegible]

[illegible] story which [illegible]

[illegible] nightingly of all ghost [illegible]

[illegible] started up, and violently [illegible]

[illegible] in supernatural [illegible]

[illegible] reasons for knowing their [illegible]

[illegible] attendant, whom we discover[illegible]

[illegible] afterwards saw him frequently [illegible]

[illegible]. Under proper care and [illegible]

[illegible] calm and conversable. He [illegible]

[illegible] years, at Bonn; and when I [illegible]

[illegible] put into my hand a manuscript [illegible]

[illegible] trouble to translate, and will [illegible]

"I ascertained that he was [illegible]

[illegible], and superior education; [illegible]

[illegible] the least had [illegible]

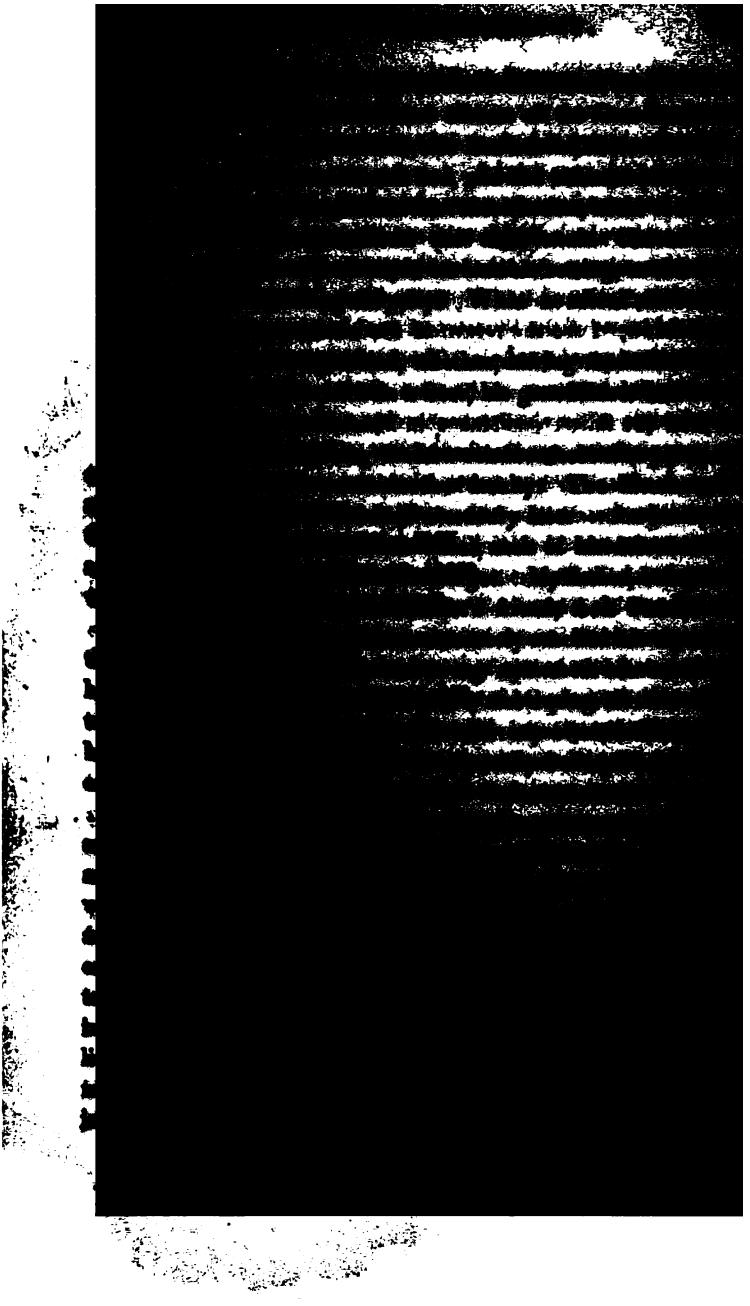
[illegible] dwelling upon a vi[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I would fain win the [illegible]

[illegible] Once more, I look upon the [illegible] worship the night, the [illegible] darkness. For this I aspired [illegible] these weary nights, while present [illegible] day would never pass—for [illegible] I languished—with faded [illegible] withered heart and baffled [illegible] shrivel if I deemed that [illegible] Then rose my fervent aspiration [illegible] what I feared would be an [illegible] tive imprisonment—for there [illegible] me, not around me, to lighten [illegible] mind in my atom of life. [illegible]

I had served my spirit [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] my [illegible]

[illegible] of my [illegible]

[illegible] how often was it [illegible]

[illegible] throbbing heart—even when [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] fled—as a [illegible]

[illegible] touch had sanctified even in [illegible]

[illegible] thoughts might have [illegible]

[illegible] the trivial gift.

It may well be conceived that a [illegible]

be insensible to the feelings I [illegible]

or the commencement came upon [illegible]

heeded the income it wafted [illegible]

within me whispering that I was [illegible]

[illegible] of the few. The [illegible]

with signates of hope; and though [illegible]

blind hearts which had made [illegible]

heart, yet I nerved myself to [illegible]

compelling [illegible] to win [illegible]

of my triumph; [illegible]

for success from the aged, and [illegible]

renown from the young.

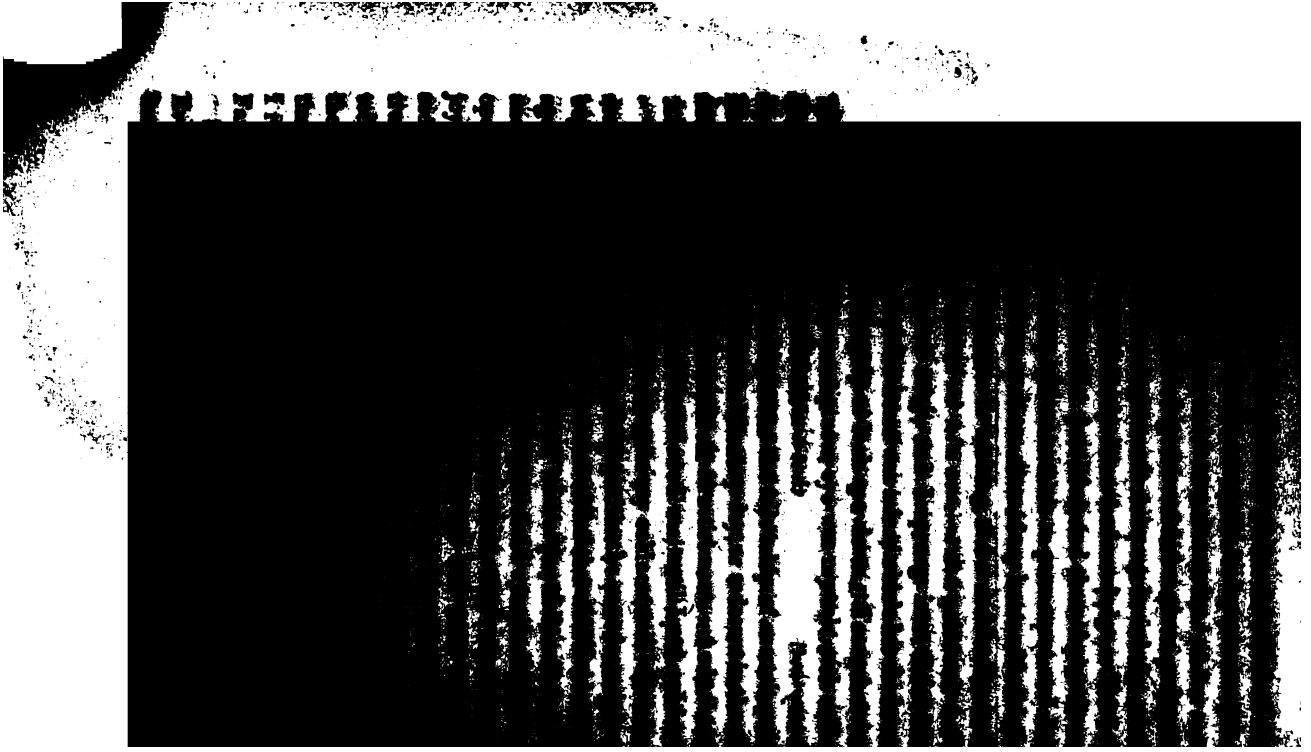
So I went into the busy [illegible]

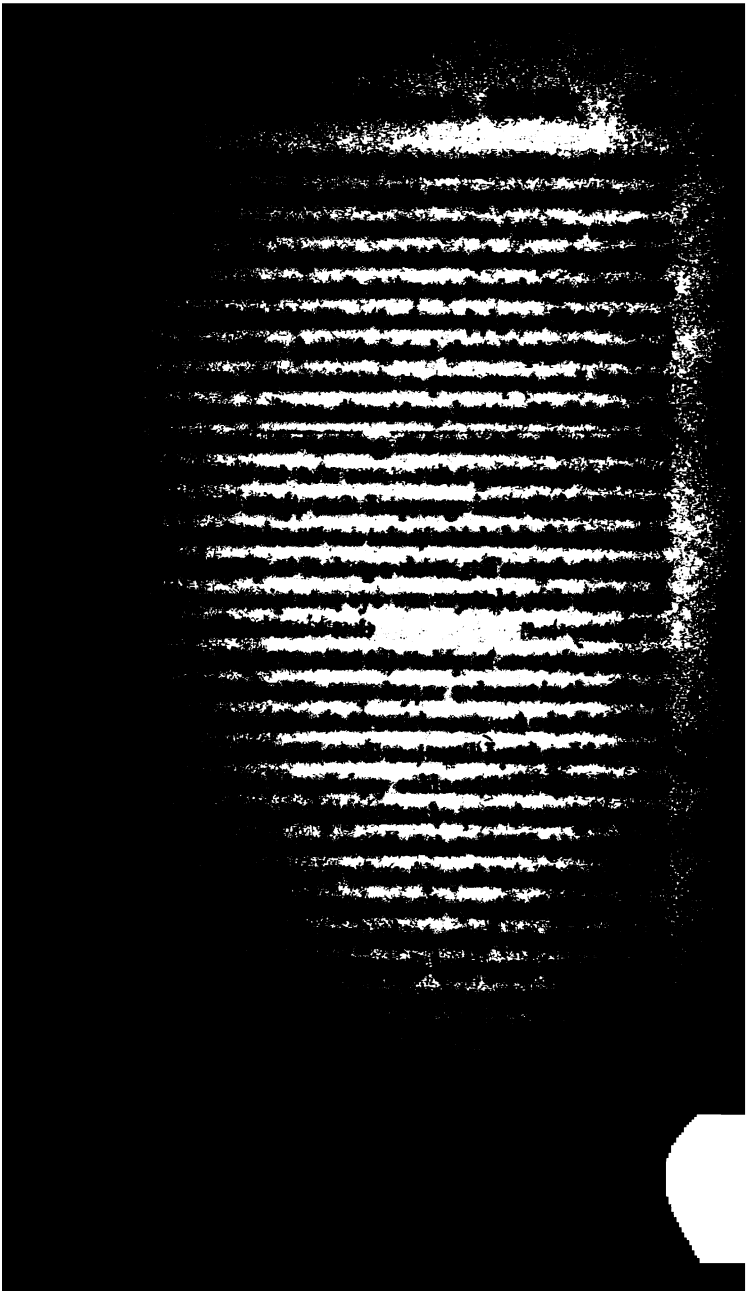
have the world of my own [illegible]

mingled with the many. [illegible]

[illegible] observed all things. [illegible]

[illegible] the human [illegible]





[illegible]

[illegible] gentle [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] sought to be [illegible]

[illegible] of every element of form, [illegible]

[illegible] mind may be read in the features [illegible]

[illegible] in woman, but had vainly sought [illegible]

[illegible] and mental beauty which [illegible]

[illegible] breathing Ideal, which my fancy [illegible]

[illegible] and portrayed, now become [illegible]

[illegible] again became known to her; [illegible]

[illegible] awakened, which preserved her life, and [illegible]

[illegible] I discovered that our sires had [illegible]

[illegible] and thus, orphan as she was, she had [illegible]

[illegible] guard. But ere she knew me as [illegible]

[illegible] to love me *for* myself. We read, [illegible]

[illegible] together. Sweet was our interchange of [illegible]

[illegible] I told her that *I* was the poet whose [illegible]

[illegible] she loved so well, she cast her [illegible]

[illegible] ing tenderness, as an offering upon the [illegible]

She loved me with that fervent [illegible]

which Woman alone is capable of [illegible]

[illegible] panies only her first love. [illegible]

[illegible] pleasures which were showered upon [illegible]

awakened all the Poet in my heart. [illegible]

[illegible] she had ventured the treasure [illegible]

[illegible] where Hope was at the helm [illegible]

happiness.

[illegible]

[illegible] I had [illegible]

[illegible] I had [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] days of [illegible]

[illegible]—slowly, as I thought; [illegible]

[illegible] the rapidity with [illegible]

The land[illegible] which I [illegible]

know not friend from [illegible]

[illegible] ruled. The iron [illegible]

know the history of man [illegible]

endure. There inevitably [illegible]

[illegible] of bitterness [illegible]

linked union of heart to [illegible]

may be that a [illegible]

[illegible] signal for [illegible]

The dungeons [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] place in which the fond [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the morning, [illegible] having the worst, I finally [illegible] [illegible] where my [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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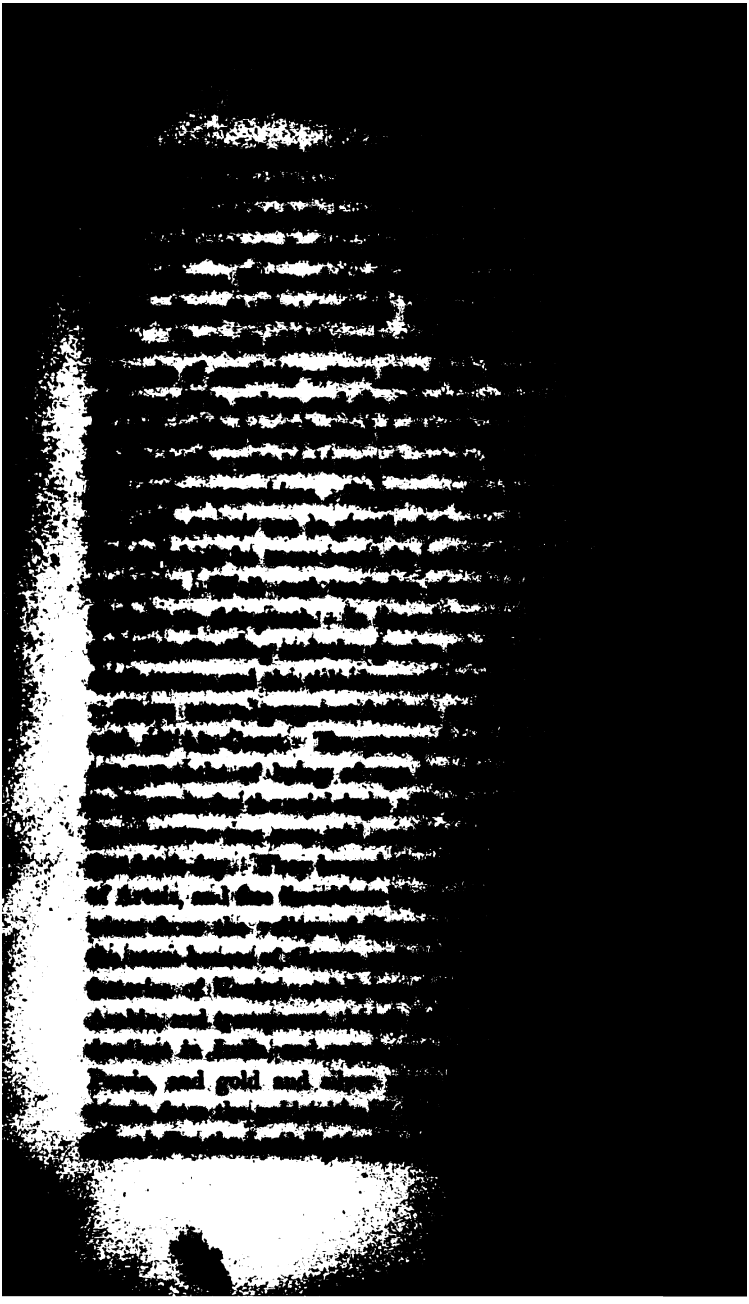
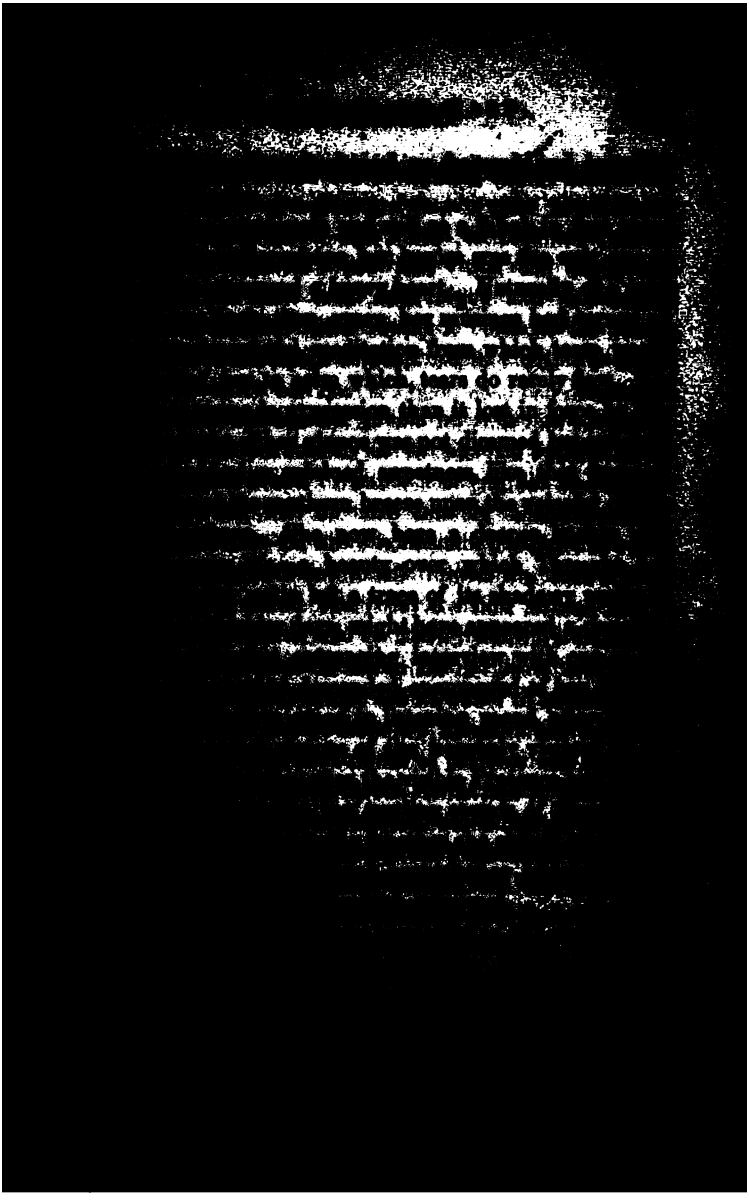


Lord Hatton's to display her



[illegible]

[illegible] of gallant [illegible]

[illegible] but honest [illegible]

[illegible] which covered [illegible]

[illegible] night, and [illegible]

[illegible] light, had [illegible]

[illegible] the Tempest [illegible]

[illegible] never [illegible]

[illegible] living, speaking to her [illegible]

[illegible] with her in the [illegible]

[illegible] her walking [illegible]

[illegible] with new and deep [illegible]

[illegible] daylight [illegible]

[illegible] longed for night, because [illegible]

[illegible] love of home. So [illegible]

strongly operating, that [illegible]

would shut her eyes, in the [illegible]

sleep, what external objects [illegible]

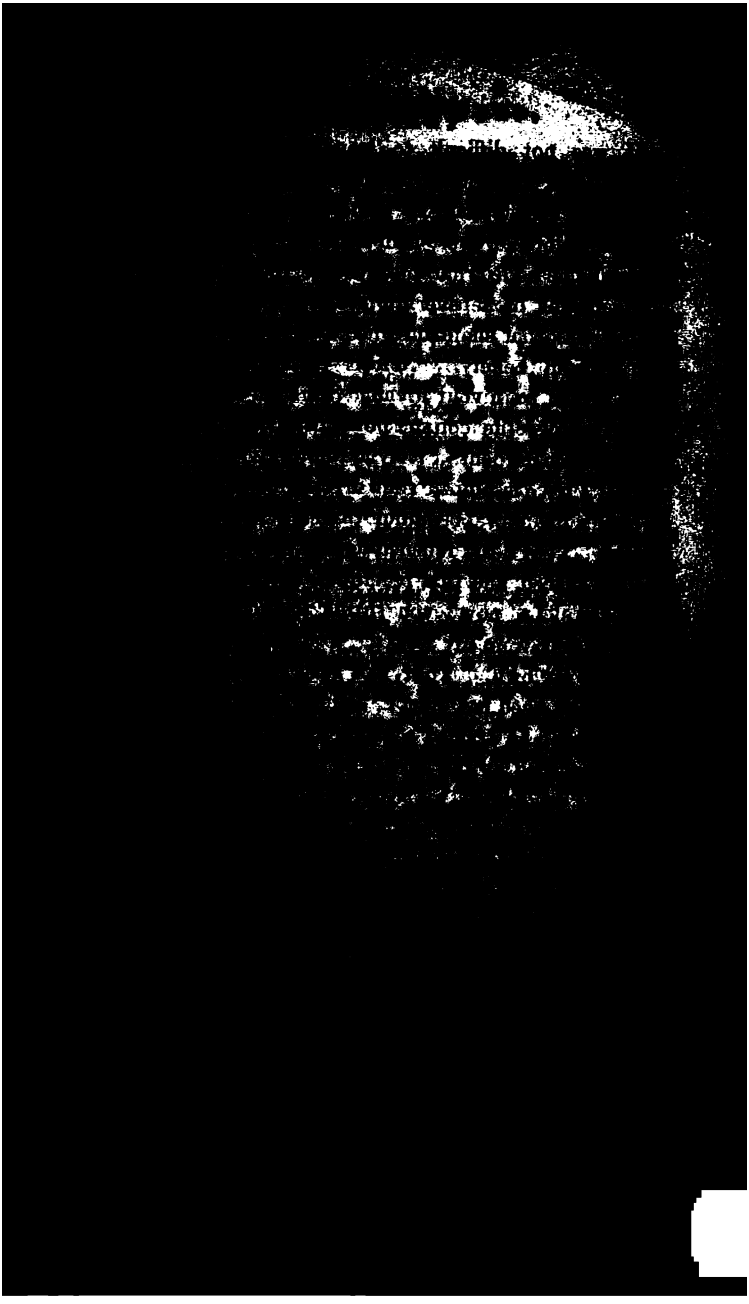
[illegible] came before the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] dreams she traced [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Your heart rebelled against [illegible] and this rebellious [illegible] Lo, now! you shall [illegible] from my work. [illegible] my own. Your foot [illegible] You had not start! By [illegible] he stabbed a hole [illegible] by the thought of [illegible] he denied his God, [illegible] of being himself [illegible] innocence he [illegible] large branch that bore [illegible] hour. See, it hangs [illegible] by the [illegible] With Leo heard [illegible] quailed beneath the [illegible] fine fell in a heavy [illegible]



[illegible]

happy. One fatal remembrance cast its shadow upon her path.

In due time, an heir was born to her noble lord. Then the shadow upon Edith's brow appeared less dark, and her eyes lost some of the troubled expression, which it sometimes had grieved her loving husband to look upon. Now, more than ever, she gave great alms to the poor; but, even in the West Minster, to which she sometimes resorted with her husband and her household, neither her heart nor her lips were moved with prayer. Something heavy was upon her mind, forbidding her to pour out her troubled spirit before her Maker. But her alms to the poor were constant and ample, her gifts to the religious houses were great; and hence it happened that the common voice spoke loudly of her piety, shown through her works—as if Charity could atone for the lack of Faith. Yet, oftentimes, persons profess to believe, never showing that belief by their actions towards their fellow-men—as if Faith could atone for the lack of Charity! It is then the casket without the jewel.

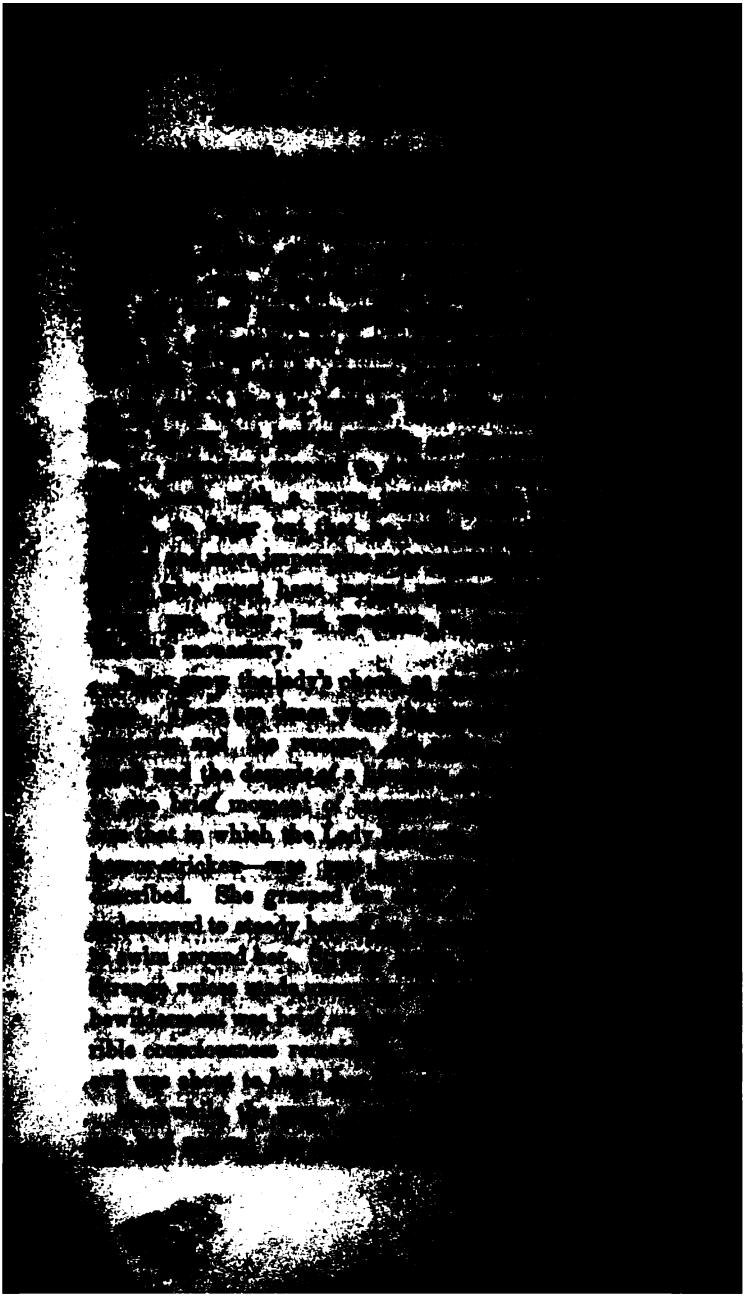
As years rolled on, Edith Lady Hatton appeared of lighter and livelier mood. For the most part, she now thought of the Past as of an unpleasant memory, which might best be cast into forgetfulness. But there were times when she had awful forebodings, and terrible fears, and dread despair; when her eyes would have a fixed and stony glare, as if they saw in vacancy *that* which they hated to behold, yet could not avoid—when the bloom of beauty would leave the face, and an unnatural paleness succeed—when her lips would try to utter faint and hurried words of awe and supplication—when all the living, breathing world around her, would seem as nothing before the compelling power of that dreadful Presence, invisible to all but her! At last, when a passion of tears had relieved her, she would anxiously inquire what

[illegible]

[illegible] of God, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] but she [illegible] [illegible] prayer to God [illegible] [illegible] her, that she was [illegible] [illegible] of God, though [illegible] [illegible] for his grace, either in [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of the youth were to manhood, [illegible] [illegible] made ample preparation for [illegible] birthday.

Who can describe all the [illegible] [illegible] the smiles and the glides [illegible] The choicest of the company [illegible] which extended the whole length [illegible] top of this saloon, was a chain of [illegible] who seemed almost as beautiful [illegible] and maidenhood. Who so proud [illegible] [illegible] lovingly upon her grandchild [illegible] [illegible] upon the verge of [illegible] the etiquette of that [illegible] [illegible] decorously be continued [illegible] mother, and entreated her to [illegible] and then wind up a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



minute, had taken place in the aspect of the Lady Hatton. Her cheeks were pale as marble; her eyes were dulled into a fixed and death-like stare; her lips had lost all colour; her frame was shaken with emotion. Her son, who stood a little behind her, was speaking gaily to a smiling maiden, with whom he had danced earlier in the evening, and, thus occupied, he did not observe and could not note, the strong heart-quake of emotion, which so greatly agitated his mother.

A heavy tramp of feet upon the stairs; yet no ear heard it except hers. The door was burst open, as if a mighty whirlwind had dashed it in. No one noticed it, and the dance went blithely on. A tall figure advanced to the Lady Hatton. Her cry of terror was stifled in her throat. The well-remembered glittering eyes were upon her, with their demoniac leer. She had now lost all power over herself, but retained consciousness and sensation. The dark Stranger, with a smile of mock courtesy which iced her life-blood, took her jewelled hand and led her forth to dance. Then, as he whirled her around, rapidly increasing the motion as he proceeded, the guests first noticed his presence. A thick yellow cloud gradually filled the room, and, as its density increased, the pestilent vapour almost blinded the eyes, and rendered difficult the breathing of all.

When the cloud dispersed, in a few minutes, all looked for the Lady Hatton. But none could see her in the room. The last sight of her was as she rapidly glided through the door, with an expression of torture on her face, while that dark Visitor sustained her from falling. Her chair was found crashed into many fragments. The carcanet which she had worn around her neck was found, shattered, on the floor. Of herself there was no further trace—but the attendant who had announced the fearful Stranger, confirmed what others had beheld, for he declared that he had seen him lead her forth

[illegible]

[illegible] was silence. [illegible] the guests rushed [illegible] young Lord Hatton, who had [illegible] attended by skilful physicians, [illegible] to consciousness.

In a remote part of Hatton Garden, [illegible] which shaded the grave of the [illegible] first seen Lord Hatton, and by which [illegible] spoken to her), were found, the day [illegible] of long, dark, silky hair, and a human [illegible] and bleeding. Fragments of [illegible] parts of that extensive garden, [illegible] had been torn to pieces in the air [illegible] the earth. But it was beneath the [illegible] mound which covered the [illegible] that the Bleeding Heart was [illegible]

The young Lord Hatton, [illegible] event, never more took [illegible] became a brother of the [illegible] gave his estates for the [illegible] condition that they give [illegible] the bandage [illegible]

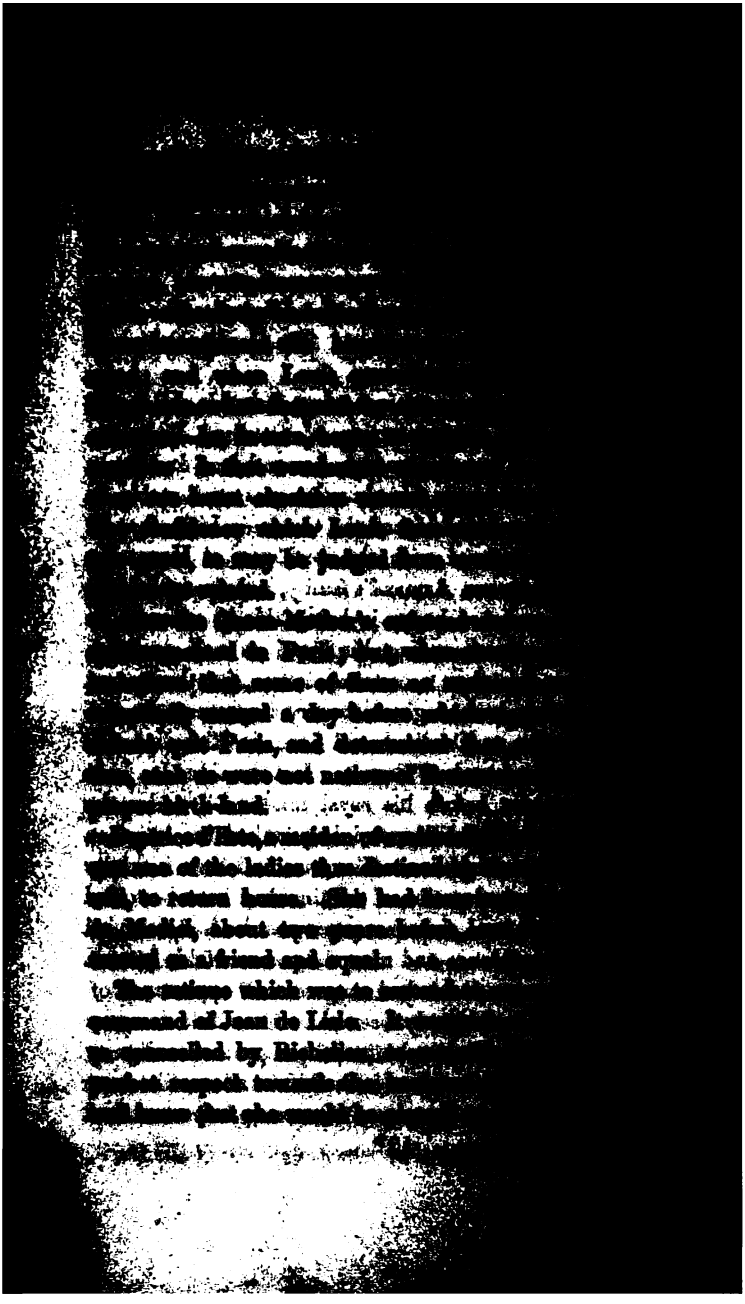
"My dear friend," [illegible]
[illegible] that your story did not [illegible]
[illegible] mistake, as it will get [illegible]
[illegible]—only wait until the [illegible]
[illegible] turns out twenty thousand [illegible]
[illegible]."

"[illegible]," remarked Butler, "I shall [illegible]
[illegible] it, this afternoon, among some [illegible]
[illegible] in my desk. It is a short affair [illegible]
[illegible] Lawrence used to designate [illegible]
[illegible] characters."

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and so vigilant for us as you [illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible] Albany, [illegible] possession of [illegible] The nobility of [illegible] tinth, submitted to [illegible] but were much [illegible] On the other hand [illegible] to the dominion of the [illegible] solicited Mary de Medici to [illegible] to the fate of Fertray, which [illegible] Before Mary was called to [illegible] been able to bring the subject [illegible] before the favourable notice of [illegible] as his espionage extended [illegible] ignorant of the pretensions of [illegible] asserted for her, or by her, [illegible] It happened, rather singularly, [illegible] cared little for the honours [illegible] restore to her. Beatrice d'Este [illegible] the quietude of retirement [illegible] sovereignty as that of [illegible] The title of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the familiar [illegible]

[illegible] with a blush [illegible]

[illegible] had been thinking.

Silence for a season: oh, [illegible]

[illegible] Then came the [illegible]

kindness given and received; [illegible]

speak that word *De Lisle* [illegible]

[illegible] eye was to see [illegible]

[illegible] Sha knew it. [illegible]

[illegible] lately did the fair hand [illegible]

had been unread that [illegible]

that fair hand. De Lisle [illegible]

written in it, pressed [illegible]

writing, and put the volume [illegible]

lady's cheek—softer [illegible]

eyes; at once liquid and [illegible]

[illegible] repeated [illegible]

[illegible] the courtesy he [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] when Jean de [illegible]

[illegible] Rabbi [illegible]

[illegible] a chair opposite [illegible]

[illegible] and the [illegible]

[illegible] the seal, and [illegible]

The King [illegible], "Good [illegible]

[illegible] your Majesty [illegible]

"From this letter, which has [illegible]

[illegible] that my, or rather your Majesty [illegible]

[illegible] us of the trouble of [illegible]

He first wooed and won the [illegible]

[illegible] acquaints me that he solicits, and [illegible]

[illegible] to wed her. If I know him well [illegible]

will wed her whether that permission [illegible]

Rome, as I learn from other despatches [illegible]

retain the fief of Ferrara, which it [illegible]

Duke Alfonso without legitimate [illegible]

by permitting Jean de Lisle to wed [illegible]

which would for ever annihilate his [illegible]

we may please the Holy See, and, by [illegible]

as of our own suggestion, with a [illegible]

continued possession of the fief to [illegible]

as an equivalent the concession we [illegible]

matter of nominating to the French [illegible]

"Be it so," answered the King [illegible]

wedded have to live upon?"

"The Princess Beatrice," [illegible]

dowry of her mother, [illegible]

France."

"I am glad of it," said [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] breathed new life into the [illegible] while he hitherto [illegible] the People, he [illegible] Was not he the [illegible] oppressors? Before his [illegible] ruling genius there disappeared [illegible] the domestic treason and the foreign [illegible] much of his cruelties—but chiefly [illegible] places. He might, unquestioned, [illegible] from off the face of the earth, but [illegible] the haughty noble, who would at [illegible] and oppressed the People, [illegible] when, in fact, what appeared the [illegible] power, was but a strong and [illegible] or punishment. In his time, the [illegible] the Noble oppressed, and the [illegible] strife was between civil contest [illegible] to Richelieu, the latter provoked [illegible] of power, was not coveted by the [illegible] rations, singularly unselfish, had [illegible] of France among the kingdoms [illegible] this he felt that there must be [illegible] not only to put down, but [illegible]

"At all events," said Butler, "he was in every way superior to Cardinal Mazarin, who has obtained a great name on the very slightest grounds. But for his being supported by Anne of Austria, whom he is believed to have secretly married, he would never have been able to retain power during the minority of Louis XIV. There was something bold and independent in the conduct of Richelieu, but Mazarin loved to work in the dark, and was as treacherous as he was crafty. Richelieu would have raised money, by pledge, on his Cardinal's hat, if it were required for the exigencies of the State; but Mazarin's constant endeavour was to rob the public, and hoard for his own gratification. Richelieu certainly possessed greatness of character, and elevation of mind—Mazarin was simply a sly, mean man, unscrupulous and acute, without any redeeming points. He cared much for himself, and little for France; which he governed as tyrannically as he dared; while, if Richelieu were the Dictator of that country, he stands nobly out as its Benefactor also."

"Now," said the Artist, that "you have agreed on what points you are to disagree, in the estimate of Richelieu's character, perhaps you will listen to another story—a tradition which I picked up in Germany, and happen to recollect now—whether opportunely or not, I leave this gracious company to determine."

[illegible]

[illegible] that it is with your [illegible]
[illegible] question of [illegible]
[illegible] you have [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with the [illegible]
[illegible] of Frankfort [illegible]
[illegible] Chamber, and there is [illegible]
[illegible] Dell. When you have [illegible]
[illegible] to arrive before the [illegible]
[illegible] of Tulpafo), you have [illegible]
[illegible] or can have it, without [illegible]
[illegible] to the village of [illegible]
[illegible] about a dozen [illegible]
[illegible] This village is [illegible]
[illegible] It have large [illegible]
[illegible], a fine champagne [illegible]
High above the humble dwellings [illegible]
[illegible], stands the Red Tower, [illegible]
of romance.

The best house in the village [illegible]
when I was there, some years [illegible]
capacious size and round [illegible]
of the late Daniel [illegible]
[illegible] with a genuine German
[illegible] where the [illegible]
[illegible] lives, who by [illegible]
[illegible] was raised to [illegible]
live but for the purpose [illegible]
Not that he ever was [illegible]

Some centuries ago, there was an Emperor Nero,—no relation to him of Rome,—who came, after the manner of the times, to celebrate his Christmas holidays at Frankfort. He was fond of the chase, and held nearly an equal affection for his daughter, a maiden over whom some seventeen summers had lightly flown. She was, indeed, if there be truth in legendary report, a very delightful, beautiful, and innocent creature. But her personal charms were even less than the purity of her mind—the soft and gentle character of her feelings. Born in a cottage, she would have cheered the peasant's lot; brought up in an Imperial Court, she won the earnest admiration of one sex, and scarcely excited the envy of the other. Such beauty of person and goodness of heart, could not remain unknown; and (as she was an only daughter), many of the Princes of the Empire preferred their claims to her hand. But the maiden's heart was pre-engaged, and therefore she paid little attention to the compliments of her many princely suitors.

Clorinda, thus was she called, had set her affections upon one far beneath herself in rank. Like

> "The King's daughter of Hongarie,
> Who loved a squire of low degree,"

the Emperor Nero's daughter had given her heart's first love to a young man, estimable in every point, but of no higher station than that of one of her father's huntsmen.

It is impossible to say how the secret was discovered, but discovered it certainly was. The Princess was placed in close confinement, and her lover would have been summarily and severely dealt with, if he had not taken flight. Pursuit was useless, no one knowing in what direction he had fled. To do the young man justice, he had anticipated the discovery of a secret dear to him as his life, and had taken steps accord-

[illegible] was shaken by [illegible] these places [illegible] many radiance. The [illegible] he said little. Pride would not [illegible] humiliations, but in secret he shed [illegible] held gods were shivered by his hand [illegible]

He quitted Frankfort, and many years [illegible] returned to the place with which he [illegible] sigh and recollections. He had laid aside [illegible] the huntsman's spear had rarely been held [illegible] day on which he had lost a daughter [illegible] surprise that the Court heard him [illegible] held a hunting-match on the morrow.

Five years had lessened his endurance [illegible] was with some pleasure that, at the close [illegible] the ardour of the chase had separated him [illegible] found himself beside a rustic hut, at the door [illegible] lovely children were playing. To dismount [illegible] stead, to enter the cottage, and to [illegible] but the work of a moment, and immediately [illegible] made for his repast.

The Emperor had fallen upon the [illegible] and still-loved daughter. Ludolf was [illegible] and the fruits of the earth furnished [illegible] Besides, as Ludolf had learned [illegible] Frankfort soon after the flight of [illegible] hesitation in visiting the market [illegible] other skins for necessaries, and [illegible] luxuries to which his Clovinda [illegible] which she had abandoned [illegible]

[illegible] changed by [illegible] his child. She [illegible] quick-throbbing [illegible] of the future.

[illegible] which they could provide on [illegible] poached by Ludolf in the [illegible] there to woman's wit, [illegible] Glorinda prepared the [illegible] up a dish which she remembered [illegible] with her father,—of which, too, [illegible] it was prepared by his daughter [illegible] tasted the food ere his tears began [illegible] for her whose memory neither [illegible] destiny, and he eagerly inquired from [illegible] learned to prepare that dish? [illegible] husband fell at the old [illegible] a father—his kind heart [illegible] was before him. All was [illegible] the place falling [illegible] commemoration of [illegible] the happy family [illegible]

[illegible] regretting [illegible]
[illegible] with a [illegible]
[illegible] des Gourmands [illegible]
[illegible] of venison which [illegible]
[illegible] his stomach—but the [illegible]
[illegible] uttered a syllable on the [illegible]
well-known taciturnity as evidence [illegible]
the class of story-tellers—a race for [illegible]
thorough contempt. He admitted [illegible]
picked up the popular legend in some [illegible]
denying that *he* had been the narrator! [illegible]
it impossible that my host *could* have [illegible]
sense), and so I was compelled to appear [illegible]
contradiction, although it by no means [illegible]
opinion of the Herr Von Cothen's veracity.

Some months afterwards, as I was [illegible]
"Assumption of the Virgin," in the Dresden [illegible]
accosted by Augustus Sealfield, whom [illegible]
Göttingen. We spent the day together [illegible]
among other things, the mistake (to call [illegible]
into which Von Cothen had fallen, respecting [illegible]
of this legend. Sealfield smiled, and [illegible]
by the information that, *to his* certain [illegible]
host of the Abode of Bliss, was a [illegible]
excellent story-teller—in his sleep!

I learned, at the same time, that [illegible]
took its origin from the fact that [illegible]
loves, and still preserves the most [illegible]
Emma, the secretary and daughter [illegible]

Tradition made the mistake of [illegible]
adding a few details; thus for [illegible]

[illegible] (now sadly dilapidated) [illegible] Charlemagne [illegible] his hand to his secretary. [illegible] spot, and his bones and those [illegible] beneath its roof, in a massy antique [illegible] that in all cases where Fact is [illegible] lost of Tradition, the narrative [illegible] remotely resembling the original, but [illegible] how much is fiction, and how much [illegible]

[illegible] great Emperor to [illegible] [illegible] Hume?—and, believe me, [illegible] [illegible] as to the Her Yet [illegible] [illegible] of Bliss. I have [illegible] [illegible] was never so fortunate [illegible] individual."

"Perhaps not," said Gryen, [illegible] one of the 'spirits from the vasty deep' [illegible] their appearance to all who call them?"

"Seriously, however," remarked [illegible] wonderful, when we consider to what [illegible] world story-tellers have gone for [illegible] brought Charlemagne before us! And [illegible] have filled many of the pages of Histo[illegible] taken, however considered, as one of the [illegible] and conquerors the world has seen."

"The greatness of the man's character," [illegible] "may have caused the difficulty—and yet [illegible] preserved Napoleon from being [illegible] romantic fiction."

"I have often thought," said [illegible] the most obvious sources of roman[illegible] avoided by us who write. Alexan[illegible] Alfred have been left exclusively [illegible] and abroad. Charlemagne, as [illegible] quite neglected. Another, who [illegible] story has been almost whol[illegible] writers. It was only the other [illegible] D'Herbelot, that I found [illegible] of the magnificent Haroun [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Zubaida, Vizier, son of [illegible]—his favourite sister and [illegible] of the East forbade the Vizier [illegible] domestic privacy of the Caliph. [illegible] obtain the constant companionship [illegible] Haroun resolved that Giafar [illegible] and thus, as brother-in-law, [illegible] to the harem at all times. Fearful [illegible] children of such an union, the [illegible] might eventually be disturbed, and the [illegible] the hands of the Barmecides, the determination [illegible] by Haroun to stipulate that this marriage [illegible] and act of fact—and that Giafar [illegible] particular intimacy with the Princess [illegible] permitted to see her when he pleased. [illegible] were young, and the [illegible] which they were thrown, led to [illegible] been anticipated, although [illegible] struggle between [illegible] the Caliph became [illegible] which he had [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Caliph, [illegible]
[illegible] requested that, before [illegible]
should be brought into [illegible]
old, [illegible] length and with [illegible]
to the Caliph [illegible] and [illegible]
Barmecides had conferred upon [illegible]
the Caliph not only pardoned [illegible]
a golden vase which stood upon a [illegible]
chamber. Receiving this from [illegible]
prostrating himself, according to the [illegible]
must exclaim, 'Behold yet another [illegible]
at the hands of the Barmecides!' [illegible]
says D'Herbelot, has since passed into [illegible]
Asia.* I am much mistaken, if these [illegible]
with relation to the time, the country [illegible]
not contain sufficient for the pen of [illegible]
very brilliant romance."

"Indeed they do," said Crayon, [illegible]
who can work the miracle now! [illegible]
Charlemagne to his contemporary [illegible]
him to mention an incident which [illegible]
Author, might take up and illustrate [illegible]
Charlemagne died in 814—[illegible]
his successor, Napoleon, was [illegible]
pire. The Monk of Angoulême, [illegible]
magne was inhumed, in a vault [illegible]
la-Chapelle, which he had built [illegible]

* Leigh Hunt has treated this [illegible]
piece.

[illegible] Cid's *Tizona*, or Arthur's famed [illegible] the simple scrip, which he had worn [illegible] Rome. It strikes me that pen [illegible] an incident as the discovery of the [illegible] Charlemagne, thus adorned with the [illegible] something, at once [illegible] which the world would not willingly let die?" [illegible] said the Major, "if the discovery of [illegible] took place a thousand years after, in the [illegible] I have a dim recollection of having [illegible] present when the vault was opened [illegible] proven. I am confident, at any [illegible] certainly did visit that vault. There [illegible] of mortal things, though, [illegible] appeared as if it rested upon a [illegible] which Charlemagne had founded [illegible] did not then loom in the [illegible] might advantageously [illegible]

LOVE AND MOONLIGHT.

[illegible] who has been at Matlock, in suitable [illegible] that an excursion upon the Derwent, [illegible] which the Americans call *sun-down*, is often [illegible] indulged in. Less frequent, but sometimes [illegible] (though *that* depends very much on [illegible] this river nautilism on a moon-lit night. [illegible] of a band of music is called in, and [illegible] the effect produced by the concord of [illegible] across the water—breaking, as it [illegible] rocks, and strangely reverberating [illegible] And when, as the oars [illegible] which the moonbeams throw [illegible] sweet voice breaks upon the [illegible] harmonious concert with [illegible] delightful still.

[illegible] Lady [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] and as the Major [illegible]
[illegible] that in [illegible]
[illegible] as usual, [illegible]
the slightest accident.

"My Dear Sister," [illegible]
[illegible] not to notice, [illegible]
during the *tête-à-tête*. All I can say [illegible]
gentleman evidently had a great deal to [illegible]
that, in a few minutes, they appeared [illegible]
the presence of a third person, though [illegible]
down the river for nearly two mortal [illegible]
man must have considered the lady in [illegible]
for, after a little time, he put his arm around her [illegible]
her falling out of the boat, no doubt [illegible]
for this considerate attention, the lady [illegible]
allow her little hand to repose in his [illegible]
of broken whispers between them [illegible]
was after midnight, they insisted that [illegible]
elapsed since we came upon the water [illegible]
them the hour was much later [illegible]
appealed to her watch, and confidently [illegible]
had glided on she knew not how [illegible]
upon the watch, I could see that [illegible]
very watch which the Major had [illegible]
only to pass from him to his [illegible]
got home, after I had whispered [illegible]
him my congratulations, the [illegible]
and said, "My dear fellow, [illegible]

"From all which, it may [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of a canal, [illegible] neighborhood, to declamation and [illegible] any other respectable river [illegible] for this purpose, provided the [illegible] free," and consenting parties. In [illegible] extend to arms [illegible] locality is of no possible importance, [illegible] to an excursion [illegible] in which our adventures may [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] matter for grave [illegible] Spring or Summer. It certainly [illegible] months in the South of England, but [illegible] ward, strong reasons will [illegible] create and foster the belief, that [illegible] of flowers and leaves, is one of [illegible] Spring. In Scotland, beyond all doubt, [illegible] place, relative to the Seasons, as April [illegible]

However the month may be claimed [illegible] of the gentler sex, she may [illegible] capriciously, and flirt with the freshness [illegible] sunshine of Summer—many a lover of [illegible] with the Poet of all circles and the [illegible]

> "Of all the fair months, that [illegible]
> In light, linked dance their [illegible]
> Sweet May, shine thou for [illegible]

Our party now entered upon the [illegible] many besides myself looked out early [illegible] whether we were to have favourable [illegible] extended journey, we had determined [illegible] tively speaking, for a pleasure-trip [illegible] and back, over country roads, [illegible] Matlock.

[illegible]

[illegible] the continuation, [illegible]

[illegible] of the Spring, yet fresh with all its green!

[illegible] to get through an early breakfast [illegible]

[illegible] One projected route included Sorel, [illegible] and Hendrick, which yet, in [illegible] manipulating the number of which [illegible] of those who [illegible] of an old soldier, the [illegible]

had a wide and wild range of [illegible]
to Crich, the vicinity of which [illegible]
volcanic (some of which are believed [illegible]
abundant with specimen of [illegible]
fog of the road, and indeed the [illegible]
crude about Matlock, sparkled in the [illegible]
with gems, the broken spar and [illegible]
around. On, a little farther, and [illegible]
Then, alighting, we looked around [illegible]
as would have charmed a Painter. [illegible]
the fertile valley of the Derwent—[illegible]
the tract through which it runs, with [illegible]
bare rocks, green meadow-land and [illegible]
yet brighter green of what promised [illegible]
vest, straggling villages, and the [illegible]
habitations of country gentlemen.) [illegible]
the fair borough of Derby, through [illegible]
and in which, far over all, towered [illegible]
All Saints' Church. And then, [illegible]
view, we adventured the ascent of [illegible]
very summit of Crich Cliff, [illegible]
counties may be seen—some of [illegible]
have caught a glimpse of Lincoln[illegible]
perhaps, in their mind's eye, Hel[illegible]
I persuaded myself that, from [illegible]
descriptions, I had [illegible]

[illegible] them, he moved [illegible] between the old country and [illegible] his own, far beyond the [illegible] and we press forward, until, we [illegible] at last to find, the ruins of [illegible] mentioned in history too, as one of the [illegible] of Scotland—at once to [illegible] and then [illegible] [illegible] of South Wingfield was built in the [illegible] century. After the fashion of the [illegible] notoriety, also, it may be [illegible] [illegible] During the wars between [illegible] Parliament was dismantled. [illegible] property came into [illegible] [illegible] Charles's long time,—at last, [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] tower down, [illegible] [illegible] For this purpose [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a quaint hall [illegible]

[illegible] it the crypt, with a [illegible]

[illegible] lighted, and at [illegible]

[illegible] each, or would have [illegible]

What the purpose of this crypt [illegible]

can now only tell; but it was built [illegible]

expense not spared. There are [illegible]

carved, on the centres of the [illegible]

and all the other carvings, [illegible]

cheap, though executed centuries [illegible]

We must not linger too long at [illegible]

Hardwick Hall, leaving Chesterfield, [illegible]

and crooked steeple, far on the [illegible]

How bold and beautiful the [illegible]

There rises a hill before you, on the [illegible]

face are seen standing clear and [illegible]

and thick woods, which stretch for [illegible]

and on both sides. As you [illegible]

edifice, thickly covered with [illegible]

grey walls together, is perceived [illegible]

adjacent is another stately [illegible]

peculiar in character; this is [illegible]

celebrated Countess of Shrewsbury [illegible]

wife of many husbands, who [illegible]

session of the Cavendish family [illegible]

been well described as the [illegible]

architecture, and as the [illegible]

its towers are trapezoid [illegible]

[illegible]

when she had fallen into the sere and yellow leaf. In every room which we entered, the initials E. S. were repeated, surmounted with the coronet of the Countess, which she had doubly the right to exhibit.

A lounge through the Park, amid its oaks of immense girth and yews of great size, brought us back, at length, to the front of the mansion. There, of course, somebody mentioned the difficulty, when blindfolded, of walking to the door, from the gate, without deviating from the broad flagged way; and then, as a matter of course, also, all of us were presently making the experiment, and with such indifferent success that, when any one happened to perform the feat, a doubt was loudly expressed whether he had not had a surreptitious glance at the path, from beneath the kerchief which covered his eyes.

Thence, at last and with reluctance, we quitted Hardwick, where a week might be pleasantly and advantageously spent by any one, but particularly by an artist. As I looked around, in the midst of the greenery of the Park, very appropriately might I have quoted the lines, from an obscure poet,

> "In silent tremor, here I stand afraid,
> Half joyed at Nature's grandeur, half dismayed."

Opposite to the entrance to the Park is a hostelrie, like the Hut, so well known to all who have visited Newstead Abbey; from which, as caterer to the party, I had arranged that we should receive such additions, which thence could readily be supplied, as were necessary to complete the plenteous repast we had taken care to bring with us from Matlock. Not much difficulty was there, either in obtaining leave to take that agreeable repast, *al fresco*, under the shade of a wide-spreading oak in Hardwick Park.

So passed on the day; and then taking a farewell lingering glance of the old Hall, our vehicles were once more put in

[illegible] philosopher who said, when taunted with [illegible] that *Heaven* certainly never meant to [illegible] good things of earth, air, and water, for the [illegible] but fools. In this world, even [illegible] though, to be sure, it may be [illegible] that kind. So we could bear with the [illegible] to which we had done justice, when we [illegible] which maketh glad the heart of [illegible] companionship with the delicate and [illegible] supply which all parts of the world [illegible] of the grape itself, like liquid ruby or [illegible] Germany, and Portugal, with a [illegible] the terraced vineyards of Madeira; [illegible] with sugar from the Indies; [illegible] luscious figs from lands whose [illegible] Mediterranean; mealy dates [illegible] olives from the Levant; almonds [illegible] preserved guava from [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] golden [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the glass, can be only entered [illegible] and the sociality of breakfast [illegible] at the table, the postman brought in [illegible] correspondence, the perusal of which, [illegible] entered upon forthwith; while, for [illegible] there were the London journals of the [illegible] the county paper of that very morning. In a [illegible] lies announced, apart of the intelligence [illegible] missives which had reached him, the [illegible] London on the following day, and this in effect [illegible] lent to the breaking up of our party, as Lady [illegible] accompany them.

As we had previously arranged to devote a [illegible] day to the resumption of our former re[illegible] ling, we lost little time—after newspapers [illegible] over, and letters answered—in resuming [illegible] during this interval, had been examining [illegible] and from it now producing a sketch [illegible] represented a well-known edifice at [illegible] the Maiden Tower, offered to [illegible] purpose, by relating what tradition [illegible] covered, as to its original occupancy [illegible] the legend was very brief, and [illegible] thought of repeating it, if [illegible] did [illegible] not a remark that had fallen from [illegible] about the transmission of [illegible]

LEGEND OF THE

The Thracian Bosphorus—that
which connects the Black Sea with the
studded with many a fair island. On
these, nearly midway in the stream,
tion, stands a square building, called
which is now used as the plague-hospi
Many are the traditions connected with
Ere, and extremely vague are the
jects have been able to collect. The
that it was built by the Emperor
the purpose of communicating with
A strong chain was drawn across
Strait, when the visit of a hostile

Another account (far more
Istambol) is, that in this very
fair Hero, to whom Leander
across the strait from Sestos
money enough to keep a corps
trusting the secret of his visits
time. It is alleged, further,
tower was erected on this
and it is sagely argued, in
other grounds can Turk or
the building is sometimes
A third popular tradition

[illegible] in this tower, in quest of [illegible] the Sultan, whom she had escaped, should [illegible] the handkerchief to her—that her lover [illegible] from their native hills, discovered her retreat, and [illegible] the cover of darkness, boldly ventured to climb into the [illegible] edge of his bird of beauty—that he remained [illegible] her until her flashed forth after star, lighting up the [illegible] royal state—that he frequently repeated his [illegible] at last, when the Sultan sought the [illegible] that she had fled.

[illegible] romantic of all the traditions connected [illegible] Tower (the Turks better know it as [illegible] which I shall now relate.

[illegible] Sultans, many a century since, was so [illegible] have a daughter, though the Imperial [illegible] children of the other sex. The longer he [illegible] wishing, the greater grew his desire for it, [illegible] delight, when it was announced to him [illegible] had become the mother of a female [illegible] daughter figuratively declared, [illegible] lustrous fingers in the heavens [illegible] with this intelligence, that [illegible] of the lady [illegible]

the child's fate. Being paid a large sum ere he commenced his astral calculations, and promised very handsome presents if his predictions should be favourable, the holy man declared that the young Fatima should be happy and fortunate as heart could wish her, but that, during the interval between her sixteenth and eighteenth years, her life would be in peril from a serpent.

The child grew up, beautiful as the poetic image which the Sculptor releases from the marble, and all blessed her, because it was known that in her imperial father's angriest moods, a word from her would subdue him into clemency. As year after year beheld the unfolding of this fair flower, her father noticed with delight, that seldom had earth been gladdened by a more lovely presence. She had that sweetest of all graces—the grace of gentleness. She had more of loveliness than beauty, and it might truly be said of her that

"She moved in light of her own making."

Her movements might be called features, so delicately graceful and expressive were they. Hers was the heart and the nature which make life of value, the shrines which sanctify love and purify passion. Some one has fancifully said that the youth of Woman is the very poetry of being, and he would have believed it had he known Fatima.

When the maiden approached the close of her fifteenth year, the Sultan, her father, had the little tower in the island of the Bosphorus fitted up to be her dwelling-place during the next two years. Thither, whenever the cares of empire permitted, did he resort to enjoy the society of that dear child, and there, it was said, did her gentle and thoughtful spirit continue to influence the conduct and soften the heart of this haughty Emperor of the East. Many believed that the

[illegible] serpent to be dreaded by a Turkish [illegible] womanhood; was the general decision—[illegible] well known that Fatima dwelt in the [illegible] daily a portion was placed in the [illegible] hands; she daily drew up to her [illegible] of flowers and fruit did the hands of [illegible]

[illegible] years rolled swiftly on. They reached the [illegible] completion. The next day would see the [illegible] the confinement in which the watchful [illegible] father had placed her. Great preparations [illegible] for the triumphant return to the beautiful home [illegible] hood, within sight of which the tower stood; [illegible] vied, on this occasion, in rendering [illegible] homage to the beautiful, the beloved. By the [illegible] command, every captive in his dominions—whether [illegible] slave—would be set free on the next morning [illegible] had the gorgeous East, with all its pa[illegible] intent upon display as on this occasion [illegible]

[illegible] and Fatima arose with the [illegible] which runs round the [illegible] could be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to her [illegible]

[illegible] contains, as it [illegible]

[illegible]. Among the fruits which [illegible]

[illegible] found its way, and for [illegible]

it once fatally fulfilled the [illegible]

[illegible].

This is the true legend of [illegible]

this, in all likelihood, the edifice [illegible]

it is distinguished to the present day.

[illegible] request of Lady Morton, and to a man of [illegible] wish, whether insinuated or expressed, [illegible] equivalent to a command—the Major undertook to [illegible] story, of whose incidents he had some knowledge, [illegible] from one of the parties chiefly concerned. He [illegible] the liberty, he said, of substituting fictitious for [illegible], as it was probable, that some of his auditors [illegible] yet meet the persons whose adventures he should [illegible] the interest of the narrative would be in no [illegible] by the change. We were happy to have the [illegible] own terms, and the Divan yielded him their [illegible] while he thus narrated what certainly might be [illegible] as more curious than probable:

THE LAST THROW OF THE DICE.

A few years ago, the Marquis Angelo Foscarini was induced by ill health and longing for change of scene, to visit Dieppe. He was a noble of Genoa, and was accompanied by the Signorina Teresa, the only surviving offspring of three marriages.

This young lady possessed beauty—exquisite, brilliant, dazzling. Her complexion was that clear olive, through which the blush of maiden purity suffuses itself in a bloom delicate and soft as that of the Provençe rose. Her eyes were dark, full, flashing, yet often relieved by a subduing softness. Her dark hair well accorded with her complexion, clime, and youth: its silken tresses fell upon a neck of exquisite roundness, and were worn so as to shew the pale, compact brow. Delicately pencilled was the arched outline of her eye-brows. From her profile, you would think that yon beheld the classic contour of some Athenian beauty, the true model of the graceful forms with which the Grecian sculptors delighted *that* period as they bewilder *this*. Then her lips, so beautifully distinct rather than separate, just as if they were about to breathe forth those impulse-words which the lover delights to hear. And, when she did speak, how sweetly fell the music of her voice—like the far-off melody, distant but distinct, which floats upon the waters, while the air is hushed to silence, only broken by the amorous Echo, which faintly repeats them, loth to think such silvery sounds should ever die. In the rudest crowd, in the noisiest din, Teresa's gentle accents came refreshingly

[illegible] which is the best tribute of respect that [illegible]
[illegible]. But, beyond this—beyond the perfect form and [illegible]
[illegible] beauty, which cast around her, as it were, a [illegible]
[illegible]—her mind, naturally intelligent, had been [illegible]
[illegible] with no common care. She had numerous accomplishments; she had read much; she had enjoyed the familiar [illegible]
[illegible]ion of men of letters and science in different [illegible]; she had experienced the advantages of [illegible]
[illegible] travel; she was charming alike in mind and [illegible]

[illegible], her father, was very proud of her [illegible]
[illegible]. Yet to him she long had been the [illegible]
[illegible] vexation. Priding himself on his high [illegible]
[illegible] dashed deep and unavailing regret, [illegible]
[illegible] surviving male heir, a title would [illegible]
[illegible], originally won by the [illegible]
[illegible] name, had been lineally transmitted [illegible]
[illegible] without a stain once resting on its [illegible]
[illegible] all his fortune—he would have [illegible]
[illegible] he would have laid down his [illegible]
[illegible] his daughter, great as [illegible]
[illegible] have a son, by whose [illegible]
[illegible] might be saved from [illegible]
[illegible] him a [illegible]

he cursed his fate, and gnashed his teeth, in his splendid solitude as he thought that this sole survivor was only a daughter in whom his hereditary titles would be lost. Years rolled on. The excitements of public life lost their power. The snow of age blanched his hair. The track of time traced wrinkles on his brow. The freshness of his heart was in the tomb of his buried youth. He felt that, with swift and noiseless advances, death was pressing forward. He had a fever-dread of the mere thought of the final hour, which was to hurry him from time to eternity. So, to diminish care—to employ his weary hours— to banish *ennui*—to create a new excitement for his palled spirit—to dissipate the ever-present dread of death, the last of the Foscarini plunged headlong into the vortex of society, as wildly as if the world was only just opening for his enjoyment, and thus he strove to conquer care by revelry.

In this, after all, not much harm, perhaps. To some minds Society may be safer and better than Solitude. But the Marquis did not care for mere pleasure—he craved excitement. He found it in play. He grew accustomed to stake wealth on the cast of the die, and thus spent long nights. At first he played merely to divert his thoughts, and to amuse himself by watching the anxious faces around him, and the varying passions developed, as the game went on. Soon, however, he came to have an interest in success or failure. Fortune turned against him, and then he almost blushed to find himself doubling the stakes, and calculating the chances, and eagerly anticipating the result of each cast. Still he went on, and still, though he sometimes won, his losses were frequent and heavy. Then he resolved to play boldly—as he had heard that timid gamblers rarely win—and he would be content with getting back his losses. If, at times, the thought of his daughter came into his mind, he would still the intruding recollection with a "Tush! she is but a woman—a girl.

[illegible] "What [illegible] my palace—my jewels—my [illegible] wealth, long ago, for my [illegible] as I may. Come on, come on, if it be [illegible] Perhaps I may die to-morrow. Thank [illegible] the girl."

[illegible] was aware of her father's reckless way of [illegible] takes any pains to conceal it from her. [illegible] how he wounded her sensitive feelings, [illegible] in her presence as in her absence, [illegible] ointment at not having a surviving son, and [illegible] in ill fortune. Teresa was all gentleness [illegible] had warm affections, and never forgot that [illegible] but her love made slight impression on [illegible] appeared to become more ossified. [illegible] and love cannot always be repulsed. They [illegible] times, can pierce even a heart of [illegible] they been exercised without some [illegible] saw his fair daughter weeping [illegible] in most unfeigned sorrow, her [illegible] he heard her beseech him to [illegible] and implore pardon for the [illegible] he would cease his [illegible] with tenderness and [illegible] for humble [illegible] upon her head [illegible]

[illegible] Italy and Germany [illegible]
[illegible] the last "[illegible]
[illegible] society the [illegible]
[illegible] of universal [illegible]
[illegible] pride. She was [illegible]
[illegible] her was reflected upon him [illegible]
[illegible] longer," he would [illegible]
[illegible] for you to wed when the [illegible]
[illegible] Steppe, he plunged into [illegible]
[illegible] stimulated him to have yet [illegible]
[illegible], equally unsuited to his [illegible]
the greater part of every night [illegible]
the gaming table, and, though [illegible]
[illegible] habits, equally other children of [illegible]
now learned to indulge in the [illegible]
custom to bathe in the sea every [illegible]
his strength for the exhausting [illegible]
chanced, one morning, when the [illegible]
his frame more enervated than [illegible]
ed by a monstrous wave, he was [illegible]
breathless and fainting. The [illegible]
waters would have borne him out [illegible]
current, without the power of [illegible]
happened to be bathing near the [illegible]
ward and rescued him. [illegible]
bed his preserver as a young [illegible]
Vienna, and whose attentions [illegible]
received by her, as to [illegible]

gentleman he now owed his life. So, when the German asked permission to wait upon him at his hotel, to enquire after his health, common courtesy dictated an assent, however constrained and cold.

The young German officer was more than ever in love with Teresa, but two years had passed since he last had seen her, and he was too expert in the ways of the world to betray that love, as he once before had done. He met and accosted Teresa without any apparent emotion, and the Marquis, narrowly watching both of them, was happy to perceive that she received him without much embarrassment. He paid the usual compliments of society with easy politeness, and Teresa returned them in the same manner. From all this, Foscarini did not hesitate to believe that though the young man might once have entertained a passion for Teresa, it had long since died away from absence and hopelessness. He did *not* know that, from the time she quitted Vienna, Teresa had contrived to correspond with Stephen Utercliv: and that his presence in Dieppe was caused by her desire that he should join her in a little plot against her father—for his good.

Convinced that nothing was now to be apprehended, the Marquis abandoned the reserve with which, at first, he had received Stephen Utercliv. In a short time, they became great friends. By degrees, the Marquis even formed an attachment for this young man, made him the confidant of his secret cares, told him how he had plunged into the excitement of gaming in order to dissipate bitter thoughts, and laid bare before him all the wretchedness of heart, which he endeavored to hide from the world beneath the mask of gaiety. Thus Stephen soon thoroughly knew the past and present life of the Marquis; his baffled hopes, his secret griefs, his perpetual regrets, his remorse for time and talents wasted.

Teresa had also revealed to him all that she knew—much

[illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] Supper. [illegible]
[illegible] with this [illegible]
[illegible] Stephen Uterclîv [illegible]
[illegible] the extending his [illegible]
[illegible] early part of the evening, [illegible]
[illegible] table. He had no [illegible]
company. They consisted of two [illegible]
[illegible], the captain of an English [illegible]
banker. After supper, cards were [illegible]
and Stephen Uterclîv were opponents, [illegible]
commenced with ten Napoleons: that stake [illegible]
he did three others of the same [illegible]
pieces left. He was full of [illegible]
dreaming how nearly his young [illegible]
extremity, rallied him upon the [illegible]
a trembling hand, the young man [illegible]
money on the table. Fortune favoured [illegible]
of Kings, and he won a hundred [illegible]
banker. Luck continued, and, by [illegible]
morning, Stephen Uterclîv had gained [illegible]
banker had won 80,000, the English [illegible]
of the planters, 5,000. This made [illegible]
money.* *Foscarini had lost it all.* [illegible]
gains in the previous part of the evening [illegible]
coffee, and separated, agreeing to [illegible]

Night came, and the morning's [illegible]
comparison with what now [illegible]
losing a great portion of their [illegible]
simply as spectators, the Marquis [illegible]

* [illegible]

[illegible] the Marquis [illegible] way, then followed his ancestral palace of [illegible] his Roman villa—his estates [illegible] his hereditary jewels. All, all [illegible] You have played on, until the day dawned [illegible] to a sense of the utter ruin he had made. [illegible] of the morning struck into the room, and [illegible] in striking contrast to the dim glare of [illegible] lamps. The Marquis looked more like a [illegible] than a human, living being. The gold was gone—bonds, and contracts, and paraphernalia [illegible]

[illegible] appalling was the expression of the old [illegible] He found himself stripped of every [illegible] bloodshot eyes upon Stephen Utenclir, [illegible] which sounded like the [illegible] "Sir, all that I have lost in [illegible] that I shall find you a most [illegible] was a very trifle; but you [illegible] gold—all, even to the [illegible] are passed away. At this [illegible] you will say, 'Old man, that [illegible] will be wholly [illegible] 'Young man, [illegible] I have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] thought on. Do you still [illegible]
[illegible] what the changing hour [illegible]
[illegible] Young man, do you still [illegible]
[illegible] As I love my life."

"It is well. I am not wholly [illegible]
the jewel—and the richest. [illegible]
YES FOR MY DAUGHTER." [illegible]
Adelbert, strange proposal, [illegible]
[illegible] of despair, all the rest of [illegible]
first in utter astonishment, and it [illegible]
that they did not wish Stephen [illegible]
man's face lighted up with [illegible]
could have thrown himself into [illegible]
nothing could surpass the [illegible]
Still, not perceiving that his [illegible]
enemy, Stephen Uterolly drew [illegible]
and said, in a grave and dignified [illegible]
have me for a son-in-law, here, at this [illegible]
in the presence of these gentlemen, [illegible]
has robbed you of. I fear, [illegible]
in vain?"

"Indeed you do," exclaimed [illegible]

There was silence for some [illegible]
Stephen, "I accept your proposal [illegible]
may think fit to name."

[illegible] contempt. He turned to [illegible] "Whatever sum you please."

[illegible] against your daughter all that I have [illegible] all that I possess in the world [illegible] of the heritage which will [illegible] father."

"It is well," said the Marquis.

[illegible] down. "I am tired of the cards," said the [illegible] "Permit me to propose that we try our [illegible] this time, with the dice?"

"As you please," answered Uterolix.

[illegible] to give variety, suppose that the winner shall [illegible] cast has the lowest number?"

"[illegible] you wish," answered Uterolix.

[illegible] said the Marquis, apparently as [illegible] what to play for a five franc piece; "as I [illegible] think I should have the first throw [illegible] disadvantage." He took up the [illegible] and then made the cast.

[illegible] English Captain, "[illegible]

[illegible] throw again, and [illegible]

[illegible] quite [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]," [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] job of mischief [illegible] fearful that some dreadful scene might follow, the [illegible] prepared to depart. The Marquis was [illegible] that it was the [illegible] of despair [illegible] respects to him, which he [illegible] courtesy. But they paused, as they [illegible] for they saw that the father who had just [illegible] the cause of a die, was subdued to [illegible] drew near to him, and said, in their [illegible] tones, "My dear Marquis, consider all [illegible] between us as but a dream. You [illegible] [illegible] "Ask these gentlemen [illegible] look at your own [illegible] [illegible] nothing. Think that [illegible] [illegible] But my [illegible] [illegible] put up my child as a gamblers [illegible] shall I have [illegible] nothing. [illegible] your companion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had gone to a [illegible]
[illegible] for which he resided, [illegible]
[illegible] were in his apartments, [illegible]
[illegible] there been waiting for some [illegible]
[illegible] the Marquis and his daughter [illegible]

"No doubt, my presence here at [illegible]
[illegible]," said Fosarini, deliberately. [illegible]
[illegible] should have taken place before, [illegible]
[illegible], as you know, to afflict me [illegible]
[illegible]. My first visit was due to you, [illegible]
[illegible] knew," he added, with a bitter smile, "[illegible]
[illegible] to discharge mine. Sir, you have [illegible]
[illegible] is here. I bring her to you. I [illegible]
conduct her hither. She accompanied [illegible]
will. Did you not, Teresa?"

He spoke with a cold sneer upon his [illegible]
could not answer for her tears.

After a brief delay, in which he [illegible]
what he should say, he resumed—"She [illegible]
longer a daughter. But you, [illegible]
with. I will never acknowledge you [illegible]
ever weds my daughter, must be of [illegible]
are nobody."

"Let me assure you, that you are [illegible]
Uterclif. "I have not hitherto spoken [illegible]
believe that is in every respect [illegible]
own."

"Not until my death," continued [illegible]
Uterclif's observation, "can [illegible]
because she would not do anything [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] he went to the door, [illegible] the bolt. He [illegible] back [illegible] daughter. "Now for revenge," he [illegible] the fiery glance and [illegible] produced a pair of pistols. "Mark me [illegible] weapons are unloaded. I will load [illegible] have put in the powder. Let me now [illegible] done. We will [illegible] pistol, we [illegible] which is loaded [illegible] which holds the deadly charge. [illegible] We will each take a pistol, [illegible] and pull the trigger at the same [illegible] may that my daughter will [illegible] possible, that you [illegible] will gun kill me, [illegible] if she will."

[illegible] had been busied with the [illegible] speaking, Stephen Hopkins [illegible] wondered that his [illegible] to repeat. He [illegible] speak, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] advantage of them. [illegible] are in yonder [illegible] to receive them. [illegible] the hope of winning [illegible] continued, of letting [illegible] that if I could make you [illegible] the effect of the reverse would be [illegible] when your fortune was restored to you [illegible] equal by your sanction for my attachment [illegible]

"Name her not," shouted the Marquis, [illegible] one word, and I fire into my [illegible] down!"

With strength to which his [illegible] power, the Marquis forced Uterclie [illegible] himself in another, immediately opposite. [illegible] close that Stephen felt his hot breath [illegible] thrust one of the pistols into Stephen's [illegible] less as a statue—paralysed by fear—remained [illegible] a few feet of her father and her lover. [illegible] pable of action or speech, and looked on [illegible]

"Now," cried the Marquis, "comes on [illegible] melo-drama. The devoted lover, the [illegible] beautiful daughter—all are on the [illegible] of the trigger, will give the [illegible] have your weapon. Thus I [illegible] *three*, I shall fire. You may do [illegible]

With an involuntary impulse, [illegible] that which held the pistol.

"One—two—three." Instant[illegible] trigger——

[illegible]

[illegible] that the sky appeared [illegible] would go into the open air, and [illegible] of the prospects of fine weather for the next day [illegible] he was lounging out of the room, with [illegible] when an universal exclamation arrested his [illegible] of us, speaking for the rest, "you [illegible] leaving us, even for five minutes, in a state [illegible] He affected not to know what was [illegible] a glance from the fair widow, who appeared [illegible] influence over him, rather felt, than [illegible] his intelligence. He enquired what was [illegible] of him?—"Nothing more," said [illegible] that you should bring your story to a [illegible] intentionally, be so provoking as to [illegible] without a finale, like an epigram without [illegible] to hail up—

"Like who an [illegible]

[illegible] A narration with all fulness of [illegible] you have brought [illegible] out of which, if you [illegible] can extricate [illegible] would give us [illegible]

[illegible] He succeeded in [illegible] neither an adventurer nor a [illegible] a Polish nobleman, whose [illegible] the first partition of Poland [illegible] blood or wealth to the [illegible] of Genoa. A great change had [illegible] Marquis during his recent [illegible] gust with horror, believing [illegible] exhibited insanity rather than [illegible] shared by all who were [illegible] a reparation, he not only [illegible] Uterliv with Terna, but [illegible] power. Within three [illegible] I have related, the espousal took [illegible] —rather happily, I think, [illegible] shuffled off this mortal coil. [illegible] the parties, I can vouch for the [illegible] words of one of the narratives [illegible]

"As happy as the day is long [illegible]

[illegible] that the author, though he [illegible] all kinds to his companions, has not [illegible] his own individual capacity, it is only proper that the [illegible] should be given, frankly and at once. The fact, [illegible] simply this: The author has the misfortune of being [illegible] remarkably shy in society, that even his best friends [illegible] his misfortune, in that respect, and lament that [illegible] should so utterly nullify his [illegible] In addition to this defect—which he has [illegible] to remedy, by often kissing the Blarney [illegible] by frequently bathing in the Shannon—he is [illegible] that Talleyrand, speaking of somebody [illegible] as "a remarkable talent for silence." Indeed [illegible] intimate friends have complained that they [illegible] sound of his voice; "Yes" and "No" [illegible] his conversation; and would doubt his [illegible] consecutive words in a sentence, were [illegible] rare occasions, he has been overheard to [illegible] when he thought no one was [illegible] things (evidently intended to be [illegible] satiric, poetical or prosy), which [illegible] foolishness, he might have [illegible] of its conversational capital.

[illegible] amid the general story-telling [illegible] at a loss to say [illegible]

THE GREAT WILL CAUSE.

The village of Andley, which, George Robins [illegible] would have said, "is delightfully situated [illegible] of the provincial metropolis of a highly [illegible] county," continues to rejoice in almost as [illegible] as distinguished it a century ago. No rail[illegible] length within its vicinity; no mail coach [illegible] one street; not even a humble two horse [illegible] the county town. Neither has it [illegible] to distinguish it. A coun[illegible] mind, nor do I wish it so. [illegible] may visit and spoil [illegible]

because the owners of the Audley property have always supported that interest; besides, at Audley, red ribbons are considered as extremely becoming to all complexions and eyes.—Beyond this, these good people venture not upon the troubled sea of politics. The solitary London newspaper from the Hall, descends to the Marston Arms Inn, the only hostelrie in the village, and after being duly talked over there, and its intelligence duly wondered at and commented upon, passes into the hands of Mr. Salt, schoolmaster and parish-clerk—a man who knows Latin, algebra, and mensuration, is suspected of a bowing acquaintance with the characters of the Greek alphabet, and is known to be tremendously hen-pecked by his pretty wife, who actually cannot write her own name. Mr. Simon Salt has the reputation of being a traveller who has seen the world, having once paid a visit to London, on which occasion, having seen William IV. go in state to open the session of Parliament, his Majesty did very graciously condescend to bestow sundry bows upon his loving subjects, who shouted while the cavalcade passed by, and the worthy and erudite Simon Salt, whose loyalty had exhibited itself in a very observable and unsophisticated manner, was confident that his Majesty did pay the compliment of a low bow, exclusively intended for *him*, the aforesaid Simon Salt. Did not Audley greatly rejoice at the announcement of this gratifying information? Has not Audley, ever since, been loyally proud of the lofty and discriminating courtesy of its Sovereign? Has it not full cause to be proud, inasmuch as the compliment is reflected upon all the Audley-ites, seeing that the excellent Mr. Salt ranks in public station only lower than the Vicar, and is universally considered as the sense-carrier of the village?

The Hall—as it is emphatically called, as if it were the only Hall in the county—has always exercised as much influence over the primitive people of Audley, as the Court

[illegible]

[illegible] Hall "[illegible] Hall, Hunter, and its dependencies [illegible] into extravagance; deluded [illegible] electioneering, nor a taste for [illegible] at Ardley, rather than ruin their fortunes [illegible] with superior rank and wealth [illegible] able to make the proud boast that more [illegible] had been offered and declined, the [illegible] perhaps, than most private families [illegible] "live and let live," was their rule of [illegible] tenantry, who, holding their farms at [illegible] their payments with a punctuality [illegible] might have envied. Then, Ardley [illegible] the way, old-fashioned place [illegible] where politics were [illegible] unknown, where the keeper of [illegible] and the stable [illegible]

[illegible] Ardley, is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] twenty, dine at [illegible] the [illegible] bosom. The [illegible] quiet peace, were enriched [illegible] disjointed glass, through which [illegible] glim light [illegible] had been cut [illegible] heartily formed the flagging [illegible] [illegible]

The hostess was almost an old [illegible] was one of the olden school—a [illegible] the decorous years when, having [illegible] ity, spinsters wear caps with [illegible] mittens, and pretty Mistresses [illegible] for the time being, were considered [illegible] family. The greatest insult [illegible] was the not doing full justice to [illegible] his use. The pains she took to [illegible] heartily, would not be credited by [illegible] was uneasy if the dinner was not [illegible] hand, she allowed no one to [illegible] ment, was quite good for him. [illegible] house was that her guests should [illegible] repast, she would dispense [illegible] port wine, with a profusion [illegible] to boast), neither love nor [illegible]

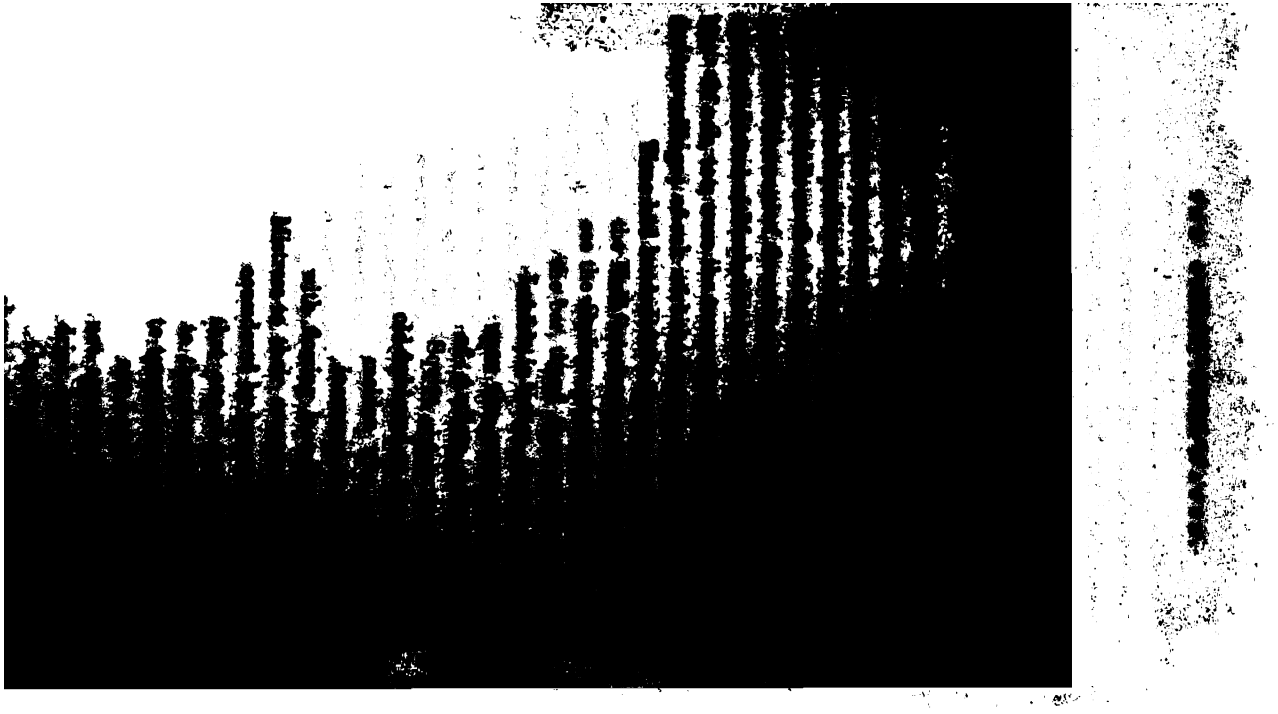
[illegible]

[illegible] Ashley was [illegible] There and there, an artist or an [illegible] Sometimes, too, it was [illegible] Many people [illegible] She was considered [illegible] who could well afford to live without the [illegible] and willing for the business, [illegible] Bunion, as she said, if she gave it up [illegible] it, for the expenses far exceeded the [illegible] Ashley be without its inn? [illegible]

[illegible] length, however, a few years ago, Mrs. Lee [illegible] by the arrival and continuance of a gen[illegible] who had come to Ashley to fish [illegible] of the angle, in a fine trout-stream, running [illegible] the estate. There was no difficulty [illegible] in getting permission to fish [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Massey, [illegible]
[illegible] of thanks would not have [illegible]
[illegible] gentleman. [illegible]
[illegible] no gentleman at [illegible]
[illegible] Sir. That Squire [illegible]
[illegible] then came in for the [illegible]
[illegible] have lived the [illegible]
[illegible] years ago? [illegible]
[illegible] Had the Squire, at [illegible]
[illegible] Why, Sir, he had, and he had [illegible]
[illegible] quite a young man, [illegible]
did not [illegible] for many years, [illegible]
had got married abroad; [illegible]
because, when he returned at last, [illegible]
him a little boy in arms, [illegible]
was a French woman, who [illegible]
speak our language, and none of us [illegible]
not make out from her who [illegible]
ever, Sir, the Squire called him [illegible]
you had only to look in his face [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]



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[illegible]

[illegible]

to state that, after all, this process was not so *very* rapid. It was February before Mavor quitted Audley (where he had been Mrs. Lee's nominal guest, but a daily visitor at The Hall), and assuredly four or five months' constant companionship, with such antecedents as there were in this instance, is sufficient to make a gentleman and lady acquainted with each other.

Mavor left Audley, assured, with her mother's fullest concurrence, that he was anything but hateful to Emma Marston. When she frankly informed him of the claim which Francis Marston had set up for the estate, he told her, somewhat to her surprise, that, for his own part, he rather hoped the claimant would be successful: adding, when he saw her astonishment at the remark, that, if she lost the estate, it would give him the opportunity of showing how very sincerely he loved her for herself alone.

Then they parted. Mavor was summoned to London, by urgent business, but promised to return by the time THE GREAT WILL CAUSE as it was called—though there actually was no will in question—was to be decided.

Dwellers in London have no idea of the importance of the Assizes to people in the country. Everything connected with them is of moment—from the appointment of High Sheriff to the trial of prisoners and causes. Twice a year the Assizes bring the magnates of the county into the principal town, where, if nought else be the result, their wives have an opportunity of seeing the new fashions, that is, those which were new in London three months before; of vying with their neighbours in the petty ambition of "cutting a dash;" in short, of breaking for a time the monotony of a country life. The county magistrates frequently visit the county town whenever the Quarter Sessions are held, but their wives and daughters rarely go thither, save at Assize time, or on the occurrence of

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] deliberately [illegible]

[illegible] good. [illegible]

[illegible] sound sense with [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] that it [illegible]

[illegible] to remove the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] confounded by [illegible]

in his course of [illegible]

with the darkness, [illegible]

[illegible]

a justice from above, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] suppose that the [illegible]

of Murder—almost the [illegible]

ment is now inflicted. [illegible]

kept up during the whole [illegible]

now and then, as a [illegible]

[illegible] at the [illegible]

[illegible]

the jury!—it breaks, without alleviation or preparation, on the startled mind. There is no doubt—no soft language to cheat with hope, even against hope—no sorrowing regret—no gentle consolation; only the one word, "*Guilty*," which tears the husband from the wife, severs the father from his children, takes the son from his widowed mother. He may have offended, beyond human forgiveness, against the laws of heaven and earth, which are the safe-guard of civilized society, but to the wife, the children, the parent, that rugged, guilty man, may have been affectionate and kind. He must leave them now—with no legacy but that of a dishonoured name: no memory save that of ignominy. It would seem a pitiful thing for any man, however guilty, to have such a sudden doom—but lenity to him would be injustice to others. That man must die.

Then comes the sentence of the law, delivered by the Judge. The condemned man is asked whether he has anything to say, why that sentence should not be passed upon him. There is no reply; or, perhaps, a few wild words, denying the guilt which has been unquestionably proved, or supplicating the mercy that cannot be extended to him on this side of the grave. Meanwhile, the fatal black cap has been placed upon the Judge's head.* No need, now, for the Crier to command silence. It comes unbidden. The fall of a pin upon the floor would be audible in that dreary stillness. The Judge speaks, his voice is low, little more than a whisper, but it is heard in even the remotest corner of that vast and crowed Court.—You hear a man—aged, it may be, and worn with ill-health and mental labor—solemnly condemning to a sudden and shameful death, another man in the full bloom of youth, in

*In England and Ireland, previous to his pronouncing sentence of Death upon a criminal, a square black cap is placed upon the head of the judge, by an officer of the Court. It increases the sad solemnity of the scene.

[illegible]

[illegible] eloquent address, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

these two, not because he is required, but because it is the etiquette when a Counsel comes down specially, to have a third to open the pleadings, and conduct the examination of unimportant witnesses.

On the other hand, no particular preparations appear to have been made on behalf of the plaintiff. His Counsel are two gentlemen belonging to the Circuit, neither of whom has yet had the opportunity of distinguishing himself. What with the general feeling against him, as one who has brought a vexatious suit against a woman—with the admitted disadvantage of being opposed by such lawyers as Shaw and Lennox—and with the misfortune of being personally unknown in the county, the plaintiff is generally considered as a man without any chance of success. Already, bets are freely offered (not taken because of "the glorious uncertainty of the law,") twenty—fifty—a hundred to one against him.

The day of trial has arrived. The Special Jury, taken from among the leading gentlemen of the county, are duly sworn in. The Court is crowded. Now and then a whisper is heard, as some lady is favoured with a seat near the judge, "Is that the defendant?" No, Miss Marston and her mother are not in Court. They await the issue at the Royal Oak Inn, and one of them, at least, does not want kind words to cheer her, for Mr. Mavor sits by the side of his affianced, and both of them, though anxious, are the reverse of alarmed or unhappy.

The junior Counsel for the Plaintiff, "in the cause Doe on the demise of MARSTON v. MARSTON," opens the pleadings and states that in this case Francis Marston is the plaintiff, and Emma Marston the defendant; that the declaration is in ejectment to recover possession of the Manor of Audley in the county of Salop, containing divers messuages and lands, with the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging; also the manorial rights, tithes of corn, grain, hay, &c., within the

[illegible]

[illegible] tenements, messuages, and buildings in the [illegible] upon all which premises it was alleged that the [illegible] had injured the plaintiff, and wrongfully kept him [illegible] possession of the same. This was the question for the [illegible]

The Plaintiff's senior Counsel then briefly stated [illegible] to the Jury to the following effect: that, when [illegible] Bingley, the late Sacheverel Marston had married [illegible] Johnson; that when this marriage took place, his [illegible] affections, and it was therefore considered prudent [illegible] before-hand; that the husband was induced, by [illegible] grounds which then seemed "strong as proof of Holy [illegible] conjugal fidelity of his wife; that, on being made [illegible] suspicious, she had quitted him, [illegible] doubted, and too proved to [illegible] the Plaintiff, Francis Marston, was the [illegible]

[illegible] of witnesses followed. [illegible]

declared, and her rights recognized. Not even the ingenuity of Mr. Shaw, unrivalled in cross-examination, nor the shrewd ability of Mr. Lennox, could shake the testimony, so direct was it, so plain, so simple. Inch by inch, however they fought to the last, long after the Judge had hinted his opinion that the plaintiff's case had been fully proved. Without leaving their box, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, and every one felt that their decision was a proper one.

Great was the astonishment of the public, when, within three weeks after this important decision, the fashionable department of a London morning paper contained the following announcement: "We understand that Francis Marston, Esq., of Audley, in county of Salop, will immediately be married to his cousin Emma, only daughter of the late Rev. F. Marston. Our readers may recollect, that the parties in question recently figured at Shrewsbery assizes, as plaintiff and defendant, in the great Will cause, Marston *v.* Marston. We are in possession of the romantic incidents connected with these approaching nuptials. The delicacy by which we are invariably actuated prevents our now entering into detail, further than to say—'Truth is strange, stranger than fiction.'"

It was even so. On the very evening of the day on which the trial had dispossessed Emma Marston of all her property, and when ninety-nine out of every hundred who bestowed a passing thought upon her, believed that she was breaking her heart at the loss, that young lady was in excellent spirits, having listened to certain disclosures from Mr. Mavor, whom it is high time to introduce as Francis Marston, Esq., the successful suitor in the courts of law and love.

"My father," said he, "married when he was abroad, and, hesitating to communicate this circumstance to his father (whom he knew to be anxious for his union with the daughter of an old friend in England, and very decided in his dislike

[illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] French [illegible] disposition, and fondest of literary [illegible] [illegible]. She had high birth, high endowments [illegible] [illegible]. She constantly complained of the doubtful [illegible] which she was placed by her marriage not being [illegible] acknowledged. At length, my father was induced to [illegible] publicity, and she was too proud to condescend to [illegible] vindicate her conduct. She abruptly quitted [illegible] with his protection, and all search after her was [illegible] [illegible] wonder that it was; for, disgusted with the [illegible] surrounded by the distrust and suspicions of [illegible] for whom she had sacrificed her youth and [illegible] [illegible] Italy, where she became the inmate of a [illegible] [illegible] lingered for many years, though she [illegible] [illegible] on her death-bed, addressed a [illegible] [illegible] him irresistible proofs that he had [illegible] [illegible] and earnestly entreating him to do [illegible] [illegible] their marriage, and [illegible] [illegible] and legitimacy [illegible] [illegible] and approved, in [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] London [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mark has [illegible] of [illegible] wife [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] of the marriage. We [illegible] you at Naples. For a [illegible] disagreeable who celebrated [illegible] the marriage. In the [illegible] life, without having made the [illegible] married Mademoiselle Latour, [illegible] [illegible] detained to you all [illegible] wonder at my delicacy in [illegible] whom I had met at Naples, [illegible] whom, when our proofs were [illegible] duty I owed alike to my [illegible] position, compelled me to [illegible]

"Of the success of the [illegible] My first impulse was to [illegible] that you would not resist my [illegible] founded they were. With [illegible] There, being attended by [illegible]

[illegible] made me more than [illegible]
[illegible] and surprise of [illegible]
[illegible] you as my Naples acquaintance of whom [illegible]
[illegible] I found myself more and more interested [illegible]
[illegible] that I might meet the [illegible]
[illegible] seeing sought you for your fortune, to [illegible]
[illegible] It was inspiriting, too, publicly [illegible]
[illegible] to fulfil my father's wishes. I [illegible]
[illegible] dearest Emma, if I have [illegible]
[illegible] to return it to you—burthened, [illegible]

[illegible] offer was frankly made, was frankly [illegible]
[illegible] to prolong the story, and describe [illegible]
[illegible] exhibitated? No; let it suffice to [illegible]
[illegible] lost as little time as possible in returning [illegible]
[illegible] more solemnized amid the [illegible]
[illegible] who had experienced Miss [illegible]
[illegible] the estate; that Mrs. Lee [illegible]
[illegible] gift in [illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] stories which we had heard [illegible] and [illegible] make a book of the whole. [illegible] of my time inflicting [illegible] on a passive public.

When I had agreed to meet [illegible] Museum, where there then [illegible]

[illegible]

and theme he presented me with [illegible] fashioned out of Blue John for [illegible] fully preserved to this day, the only [illegible] much too beautiful for use. I [illegible] that I would become the historiographer [illegible] is the task accomplished!

We dined together, for the last time [illegible] was ended, the day was nearly ended [illegible] so beautiful that it appeared a sort of [illegible] tage of it. We broke up our sitting [illegible] ourselves into the open air. Lo[illegible] strolled on the road as far as the [illegible] whence, turning around, [illegible]

majesty—I do not think that I had ever beheld a more glorious sunset,

> "And there was still where Day had set
> A flush that spoke him loth to die—
> A last link of his glory yet,
> Blending together earth and sky."

The gentle influence of the scene and hour had its effect upon others than myself, and, as Lady Tressilian leant upon my arm, she indicated by a glance that she was aware of my knowledge of the condition of affairs between Lady Morton and the Major, and gaily smiled as she perceived that I watched, with some interest, how much, "the world forgetting, by the world forgot," they walked and talked apart, or rather how eagerly the lady listened while the gentleman was impressively addressing her.

"It appears 'a palpable hit,'" said I. "The lady's shaft has struck down its quarry."

"I am delighted to see that it has," was the reply. "Yet, I have had some difficulty in bringing the affair to this conclusion. You know that Lady Morton and the Major have met before? Last autumn, they formed acquaintance at Weisbaden, and I understand that the gentleman was immediately and unequivocally smitten. Nor did it appear, that his attentions were indifferently received by my fair friend.—Two or three months passed on, during which, thrown much together amid strangers, they became more intimate than they could have been, under ordinary circumstances, during two or three London seasons. The Major, it is true, had not yet proposed—waiting, I presume, until a longer acquaintanceship might warrant his doing so, but I fancy that he had not much reason to fear that his suit would be very unfavourably received. To use the language of his own profession, he contented himself with trying a little 'sapping and mining,' before

he ventured 'to storm the citadel.' Just at that juncture, Lady Morton allowed herself to be very causelessly piqued with him on some trifling account. That gallant gentleman —unreasonable, like all his sex—did not take the trouble of thinking that a woman seldom exhibits such a pique, unless her heart be interested. He was too proud—too independent to explain, and the result was, that they separated rather hastily, without the intention at that time, of again renewing their acquaintance."

"Quite a romance," said I—"the usual difficulties which distract the course of true love."

"There is romance, more or less, in all affairs of the heart," replied Lady Tressilian, "and even more, perhaps, after the first bloom of youth has gone by than while it continues. For instance, though our friend the Major is beyond the age of forty, and Lady Morton has turned the sharp corner of thirty, their affection will probably be deeper and more hearted than if the lady were still in her teens, and the gentleman wearing his first epaulette. But to continue my story. As you may have heard, Lady Morton is one of my oldest friends, and when she came to spend her Christmas with us at Tressilian Court, I immediately noticed that her mind was not quite at ease. She soon gave me her confidence, and you will not be surprised to learn that, as we live in Cornwall, and the Major's estate is in Devonshire, neither his character nor his person was unknown to us. Though it was evident, at once, that he was the man of all others to make my friend happy, and that an idea of the same kind had fixed itself in her own mind, I saw that there might be some little trouble in arranging matters so as to reunite the broken chain—particularly as Lady Morton, thinking that her swain should not so suddenly have said 'adieu,' had wilfully determined never again to see him. Taking

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[illegible] this and the evening, [illegible] Lady Morton [illegible] accidentally informed him, [illegible] that Lady Matilda was to accompany [illegible] hospital to tending him here, we were not, [illegible] way, be unwelcoming for her, that intelligent [illegible] We had nothing to do, [illegible] throwing them into each other's antipathies [illegible] Lady Matilda the rest, and we shall look [illegible] and bride-cakes without much further delay. [illegible] explanation was made during that evening [illegible] you sat like Patience, in the host, and I [illegible] the particulars to you, as the Major [illegible] gave you a hint, though I dare say, [illegible] of what was passing."

[illegible] Lady Morton and the Major [illegible] exclaimed, "I have only now [illegible] you have been. But I [illegible] to quarrel at being cheated [illegible]

[illegible] from that day, Lady Morton [illegible] of the memorable [illegible] day in the [illegible] attended to [illegible] reminded the [illegible] Major's reputation [illegible]

[illegible] pussy [illegible]

pedestrian tour to Stanton Moor (with its Druidic antiquities, including some curious rocking-stones,) through the wild district of the High Peak, and through romantic Dove Dale, so well known to all who have read Isaak Walton. The novelist was bound for Yorkshire, in which he proposed to pass the summer. The Major, who had promised to rejoin Tressilian in the south, at the end of the week, frankly accepted my invitation to visit Chesterfield, and drove me thither in the afternoon, with much pleasant converse upon *one* subject, to wile away the time during that brief journey.

Here, having wound up with a marriage, according to the established custom in real life, as well as in fanciful invention, the writer may make his bow. Painful would it be to look back through the years which have passed away since the brief sojourn at Matlock which these pages have recorded. With one exception—caused by an untimely death—the friendships formed there and then have continued to the present time. But, in a long lapse of years, however lightly time may leave traces of his course, bright eyes become dim, glad hearts have mournful trials, high hopes are disappointed. It is the common dispensation of mortality, and methinks a wise one, that the ties which bind us to this life should break one by one, so as, at the end, to make our hopes rest on a haven beyond the grave, in which the loved and lost of earth may meet again. Thus, at last, it becomes so little difficult to die that I am persuaded, when the summons comes, few would really wish to cling to life. Happiest those who are the best prepared.

E'ENVOI.

Dear Brougham:—

[illegible] this volume to you, as a friend, of whom [illegible] proud, and also as a countryman, who has [illegible] himself in every department of literature [illegible] has adventured.

[illegible] another rôle which no one fills better than [illegible] hearted man of genius whose success in [illegible] as in the more enlarged arena of pro[illegible] fiction, has not dulled the purity of his [illegible] slightest alloy of vanity or envy.

[illegible] the presumption that you will read [illegible] the scenes, by briefly indicating the [illegible] and fancy within its pages. To do [illegible] would be perilous to adopt the [illegible] much more of Reality than [illegible] a story best when there is [illegible] its incidents or characters. [illegible] that you will find here was written [illegible] exercise a paternal right in calling [illegible] to introduce them as [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] which you [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] the magical [illegible]
[illegible] Romance, and particularly
[illegible] of adventure, [illegible]
[illegible] when our [illegible]
[illegible] as I have here attempted to [illegible]
[illegible] the framework upon which to [illegible]
[illegible] ingenuity to introduce [illegible]
[illegible] inevitable disarrangement of [illegible]
[illegible] this volume consists of [illegible]
[illegible] set in the slight framework [illegible]
[illegible] of the slighter, also garnished the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] subjects of general [illegible]
[illegible] and art, and Local [illegible]
[illegible] may not be considered [illegible]
[illegible] Sam Peach, the hero of the first [illegible]
[illegible] North of England, some years [illegible]
[illegible] I will not undertake to say that he [illegible]
[illegible] stranger in the very original [illegible]
[illegible] imitated Ensign Simmonds, but he [illegible]
[illegible] frequently exercised a capricious [illegible]
[illegible] must have been some resemblance. In [illegible]
[illegible] first appearance in an English magazine, I [illegible]
[illegible] seeing the whole of it copied into one [illegible]
[illegible] papers, as a local article, with an editorial [illegible]
"Old Sam Peach to the very life."

The anecdote of "the Bush Guinea," [illegible]
lively American (by the way, one [illegible]
ever saw), who only omitted to [illegible]
the errors of names, places, and [illegible]
enquiries at Bristol. I have [illegible]

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[illegible] the world [illegible]

[illegible] "Le Millionaire Malgré Lui," [illegible] perused and imperfectly [illegible] journal. Other writers, [illegible] light, have dug into the same [illegible] in his own manner; so that [illegible] "original Jacobs," of the article. [illegible] story," the incidents which [illegible] of letters in London, owe much [illegible] explanation. There are some personal reminis[illegible] the book, and these have also [illegible] particulars the hero of the tale. [illegible] his Mestiza," is wholly historical, [illegible] by Cumberland [illegible] with which it [illegible] for, to me, by Allan [illegible] the foundation of "A [illegible] heard my father, who had [illegible] that to [illegible] little [illegible] memorable [illegible] in [illegible] the Emperor's repeated [illegible] the reminiscences [illegible]

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[illegible] Cobbett, in an attempt to [illegible] the upper of that [illegible] [illegible] him as "Bet Smith"—by which [illegible] repeated by him of the Goldsmiths; [illegible] known, in and out of Liverpool, [illegible] his own name, and letters [illegible] to him. In a word, his own [illegible] of the very small degree of intelligence [illegible] local reputation as a "triton of the minnows," [illegible] such a person would have speedily [illegible] the test of real merit. When he died, [illegible] gave him the honor of a public [illegible] that they even placed his statue in their [illegible]. As the palette of Wilkie was let into [illegible] the National Gallery in London, a [illegible] would have been introduced into the [illegible]

[illegible] Rickwith Papers introduced the [illegible] portrait of Mr. Pott, editor of the [illegible] [illegible] in Liverpool. [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] would have been [illegible] [illegible]

opposing journalists;—and, to crown all, the triumphant boast that his critic had written on Chinese Metaphysics, by reading in the Encyclopedia under C for China, and under M. for Metaphysics, and "had combined his information"—if all these coincidences were accidental, then, at hap-hazard did Mr. Dickens unconsciously exhibit a person and an idiosyncrasy remarkably like those of Mr. Bot Smith.

"The Composer of Poetry" was a real personage, and his description the reverse of an exaggeration. As to the "Widow's Story," on the other hand, it is wholly imaginary, but, *per contra*, every circumstance mentioned in "The Emperor's Repeater," actually occurred, the gallant hero himself being my own cousin.

Two of the stories here—"The Second Sight," and "The German Student's Story"—belong to the semi-supernatural class, and indeed the leading incidents in the former narrative are traditionally remembered and believed, as having actually occurred in my own family.

It would almost make a romance of itself were I to record how, where, from whom, and under what striking circumstances I heard the legend of the "Bleeding Heart Yard." The narrator had full belief, I am persuaded, in what she told. The leading points of the story were so impressed on my mind, that some years after I wrote it as it now stands, for "The Forget-Me-Not, for 1839." Mr. Barham subsequently took up the subject. In the summer of 1843, there appeared an Ingoldsby Legend, called, "The House Warming! a Legend of Bleeding Heart Yard." It was treated, like everything from the same pen, with wonderful effect. As I had heard the legend, it appeared to belong to a remoter period than that of Elizabeth, in which Mr. Barham had timed it. In a letter to me on the subject he said, "The Story of Alice Fanshawe, wife to Sir Christopher Hatton, having had her heart torn out by the devil, is a very old tradition, and noticed, I believe in some of the family genealogies. I heard or read it when I was a boy at school, and it was recalled to my recollection by Mr. Mackay's work on Popular Delusions, in which you will find it alluded to at some considerable length by that gentleman, who also states

its particularity of detail and description, is entirely imaginative.

Having thus made a clear breast, I have but to add one confession more—namely, that to the society and kindness of you and yours, I have been so often and so deeply indebted, that it gives me great pleasure thus publicly to record, in grateful acknowledgment, how sincerely (ar . without the least "Bit of Blarney,")

I am, my dear Brougham,

Your affectionate friend,

R. SHELTON MACKENZIE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1st, 1869.